

The Society of the Friends of St George's
and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter

Annual Report 2005/06



GOD our Father, by whose inspiration our ancestors were given the faith and vision to build this Chapel and in succeeding ages to care for its maintenance and adornment: Give grace and mercy to the Friends of St George's Chapel wherever they may be. Bless all those who by their love and their labour maintain it so that it may speak to every generation of beauty and holiness and be a witness to thy abiding presence in our land and in our lives. Grant that as we love the habitation of thy house and the place wherein thine honour dwells, so may we all grow in love for thee and for our neighbours in this life and come to enjoy the promise of eternal life through thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*The Prayer of
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(at 30 September 2006)

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 1979 HM Queen Margrethe of Denmark
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 1988 HM King Juan Carlos of Spain
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 1997 HRH The Duke of Gloucester
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 2004 The Lady Soames: The Lord Bingham of Cornhill:
 Sir John Major

*(The dates above are those of nomination or declaration as KG or LG. Names are in order of seniority within the Order.
 The positions of the Garter Banners in the Quire are on p. 360.)*



St Edward the Confessor in the West Window

Membership of the Management Committee

AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

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- 2 Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns
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- 3 Major General Sir Michael Hobbs
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- 5 Mr Andrew Goodhart
(*Honorary Treasurer*)
- 6 Mr John Newbegin (*Honorary Solicitor*)
- 7 Miss Bridget Wright (*Honorary Editor*)

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- 9 The Revd Michael Boag
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(*Representative of the Lay Clerks*)
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- 15 Miss Patricia Lloyd (*Representative of the Royal Household*)
- 16 Mr Hubert Chesshyre (*Honorary Genealogist on behalf of Garter Principal King of Arms*)

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- 17 Mr Stephen Day (*2006*)
- 18 Mr Fraser Jansen (*2006*)
- 19 Mr Alan Titchener (*2006*)
- 20 Mrs Sally Adams (*2005*)
- 21 Colonel David Axson (*2005*)
- 22 Mr Hugo Vickers (*2005*)
- 23 Lady Palmer (*2004*)
- 24 Mr Peter Axford (*2004*)
- 25 Mr Martin Denny (*2004*)
(*also representing St George's School Association*)

Co-opted Members

- 26 Miss Georgina Grant Haworth
(*Development Manager*)
- 27 Miss Charlotte Manley
(*Chapter Clerk*)

In Attendance

- 28 The Revd Canon John Ovenden
(*Canon Chaplain*)
- 29 The Revd Dr Hueston Finlay
(*Canon Steward*)
- 30 Miss Jane Speller
(*Membership Secretary*)

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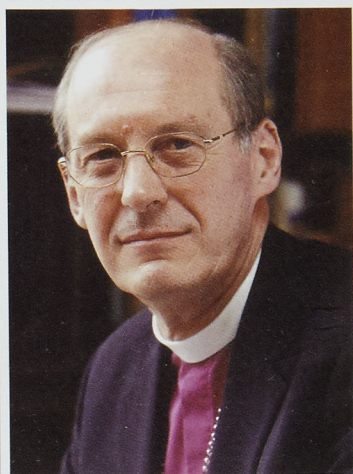


A Princely Knight in the West Window.

The Dean's Letter

DECEMBER 2006

The Annual General Meeting on 6th May 2006 was an occasion on which we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Friends, and we were reminded of the many ways in which, down through the years, the Friends have been a blessing to the College of St George. Yet this was not a time for us simply to be looking back, however much we wished to cherish memories. Our May meeting was most surely focused on the future, and was marked by an overwhelmingly positive vote in favour of the Friends' incorporation into the Foundation. So, on their 75th birthday, the Friends entered a new and exciting phase of life. Since then, the Trustees of the Foundation have held their first meeting. The Trustees include John Newbegin who (as Honorary Solicitor of the Friends) has done so much to help us in respect of the new arrangements.



The year saw us mark other anniversaries too. St George's House was forty years old. The high point came with a special Commemorative Act in June, when the Duke of Edinburgh spoke about the origins and purpose of the House, and the Warden spoke of its history and future prospects. There followed a marvellous reception in St George's Hall. During the evening, copies of Martin Gaskell's excellent book, *St. George's House: A Celebration of 40 years*, were on sale.

2006 was also the 40th anniversary of the Lay Stewards and the 55th anniversary of the Australian Friends. There were various commemorative and celebratory events, and opportunities for thanks to be expressed (in personal or public ways) to the members of these two groups of people who do so much to support our work here at St George's.

Of course, the most special anniversary was The Queen's 80th birthday. We were delighted that Her Majesty chose to come to worship in St George's Chapel on St George's Day. We were also very pleased that, through the television and radio broadcasts, more than three million people were able to share with us in a wonderfully happy service.

The period covered by this *Annual Report* proved to be as busy as any other. A very small selection might provide a taste of what has been going on. The

Garter Service was, of course, a splendid occasion. Everyone was happy to join in the celebration of the Installations of The Duke of York and The Earl of Wessex as Companions of the Order. At St George's School, it was lovely to welcome Princess Alexandra, when Her Royal Highness officially opened the refurbished and newly-equipped Old Bank House. It was also good for the College to play host to members of the Time Team, whose televised dig on Denton's Commons provided education and entertainment for a vast number of viewers. Three new grotesques were set into the south side of the Chapel. These, only the first instalment, are the work of students of the City and Guilds London Art School. They seem to have enjoyed the challenge, and have come up with some very imaginative results. The Choir, having already visited Norway earlier in the year, made a trip to New York in September. Our Lay Clerks and Choristers sang at the opening of the British Memorial Garden and at a concert at the Waldorf Astoria (both in the presence of The Duke of York). They also sang at St Thomas's and St James's churches. Dignity, thanksgiving, poignancy and commitment to the future characterised a service held here in October. Members of the Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Light Infantry came to mark the end of their present regimental life as they looked forward to a new life in The Rifles. We were proud to be involved in this rite of passage, as we have all been privileged to have been involved in the hugely varied life of St George's throughout the year.

As a background to everything has been continuing work on the buildings of the College and their refurbishment. The Friends, of course, are among the many who have given significant support to this. New cupboards in the Vestry, a splendid cupboard in which to hang the Beryl Dean Tapestries, and Song-school furniture, are particular projects made possible by the Friends recently (see p. 356). Those of us who live and work here are certainly extremely grateful to you all for what you do for us. Our gratitude is not only on our own account, but also on behalf of those millions of tourists and pilgrims, who will appreciate and respect the beauty and the order of this place, without perhaps thinking of the extent to which it all depends on the care and generosity of others.

During the year, we bade farewell to a number of friends, each of whom has made an important contribution to the life of this community. Sarah Spencer had worked here as secretary to the Director of Music. Lay Clerks James Birchall and Biraj Barkakarty moved on to other work, while Colin Cartwright (with his wife Anne) and Trevor Craddock retired from the choir after many years of service. Congratulations go to Colin and Trevor, who were each honoured with the RVM. Also from among our musicians, organ scholar Peter Stevens left us at the end of a good year. From the Guild of Stewards, Patricia Gates, a long-serving and loyal volunteer, retired. Ivan Parr, Assistant Archivist, has gone to



The Queen and The Duke join the Lay Stewards on 23 April 2006 to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Lay Stewards.

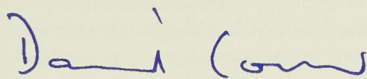
work elsewhere. Rachel Evason, our Retail Manager, has left us, having so successfully established the new shop in the Dean's Cloister. Clive McCleester, our Virger, has retired to St Cross, Winchester. And, after more than ten years here as a Canon of Windsor, Laurence Gunner, with his wife Alegria, has retired to Scotland. We are delighted that The Queen has made him Canon Emeritus of St George's Windsor. All these people go with our thanks and very best wishes.

Others are warmly welcomed. During the year, we have been joined by Eleanor Cracknell as an Assistant Archivist; Chessy Russill as Secretary to the Director of Music; Giles White, Tim Wayne-Wright, and Stewart Conley-Harper (with his wife Claire) as Lay Clerks; John Challenger as Organ Scholar; Military Knight, Bruce Watson, and his wife Sarah; members of the Development Team, Carol Austin, Caroline Ryder, and Linda Wagner; Retail Manager and Assistant, Viv Caldwell and Caila Blandford; and Andrew Zihni, Minor Canon and School Chaplain. Each and every one of them has quickly become woven into the fabric of daily life here.

As we think of our common life going on, fed by the commitment, work and care of so many people, for however long or short a time, we are bound to think particularly of those who, having served this place, have died in the course of the last year. Since the last *Annual Report* was published, Major 'Tommy' Thompson, (Supernumerary) Military Knight, has died. (An obituary appears later in these pages.) Betty Mitchell, widow of Gordon Mitchell, Military Knight, has also died. Peggy Lappen, stalwart volunteer in the Chapel Shop, member of the Guild of Stewards, and member of the Chapel congregation, died earlier in the year. So too did two long-term Friends, Georgina Battiscombe and Kathleen Shawcross. In their various ways, they have all enriched our lives. We give thanks for them, while our sympathy goes especially to their families and close friends.

I wrote, near the beginning of this Letter, of the Friends entering a new and exciting phase of life. It somehow feels that way. There is something in the air. We at St George's are vigorously and deeply determined that everything good that this place represents shall be carried into the future. I have in mind loyalty to The Sovereign, celebration of the very best in our national life, and a deep desire to ensure that that life is both nourished and challenged by the Christian Gospel. I think therefore of the centrality of worship, and of the enhancement of worship through a wonderful musical tradition, and the maintenance of a building of outstanding architectural beauty. Conversations that I have with members of the Friends encourage me to believe that that vigorous determination is widely shared and that, while the outward shape and organisation of the Friends is bound to change, the heart will remain fixed, and support will remain constant. For that I am hugely grateful to you.

I know however that you would want me to give the final word of thanks to the Friends' Office Staff, and to Bridget Wright, the Honorary Editor of this *Annual Report*, whose efficiency and dogged loyalty is an example to us all.



David Conner



In 2005 I was invited to become the Honorary Solicitor of the Friends, succeeding John Handcock, who had advised the Society so admirably for eleven years.

In May of that year I was present when Sir Michael Hobbs and Georgina Grant Haworth outlined their plans to raise additional revenue for the College. Shortly afterwards it became clear that the tasks of raising both capital and revenue were so great that a new structure, within which all our fund-raising efforts could reside, would be necessary. The challenge was every bit as great as that which had brought the Society into being in 1931. Then, as now, the imperative had been the survival of the Chapel, and the

maintenance of excellence in the face of an overwhelming financial burden.

In the *Annual Report* of 2004/05, the Monitoring Committee laid out the rationale behind the review of the Society's Constitution, which was to lead to the recommendation that it should be expanded to form the basis of the new constitution of the Foundation of the College of St George. I will not go over the ground covered by that Monitoring Committee report or the documents which then went to every member of the Society. The process was lengthy; there was much debate both in the Management Committee and, later, at the Annual General Meeting on 6 May 2006. The overall response to the new Foundation was overwhelmingly positive.

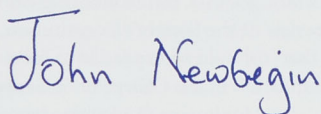
On 30 October, the Trustees of the new Foundation met for the first time. I was delighted to represent the Friends and Companions at this meeting. The first and most important item to be tackled was to ensure that all Trustees were aware of the extent of the challenge, and of the plans already in place to tackle it. We were given a comprehensive briefing on the College's finances, on the state of the fabric of the Chapel and its surrounding buildings, and on the plans being carried out to restore both the finances and the fabric. It was clear from that meeting that the Foundation and, in particular, those who were prepared to give regular support to the College by membership of the Friends and Companions, were at the very heart of the strategy which will take us forward.

By the end of 2006 we have achieved the new Constitution, and we have embarked on an exciting venture to enlarge the range of those who support the

College and, in particular, the Chapel. There is no doubt that without this new initiative all that the Society has stood for would be brought to nought. The challenge is to retain the values that are so important to us, to continue to ensure that members are served in the same way, whilst enhancing the contribution that we all make to the institution.

Much has been achieved, but the real work is about to start. The recruitment of Companions is under way, and the Development Team (renamed from Fund-raising in view of their expanded role) is continuing to explore additional ways of attracting regular support. It is plain that the next three years will see major changes, both to the fortunes of the College and to the ways in which we can offer support.

When I was invited to become the Lay Chairman of the Friends and Companions, and given the honour of representing your interests within the Foundation, I undertook to do two things. Firstly, I would do all I could to increase support for the College, and in particular the Chapel, so as to meet the challenge of raising the necessary funds to ensure their continued existence. Secondly, I intended to make sure that, in spite of the necessary changes, the Friends, including the Descendants, would remain at the centre of the life of the Chapel.



John Newbegin
Trustee of the Friends and Companions

But what is the College of St George? To most people the word 'college' conjures up an academic institution, whether at University or at school level. The range of meanings in the Middle Ages, however, was much wider, denoting any group of people living by some common rules, such as guilds. One specific use was 'a community of secular canons (i.e. non-monastic) and laity, living together to serve a collegiate church'. The College of St George is a notable example which, by virtue of its close connection with the Sovereign and the Order of the Garter, survived the Reformation and later reforms.

In 1348, the year in which he had instituted the Order of the Garter, Edward III elevated the existing Royal chapel in Windsor Castle into a college. Papal approval for its establishment as a 'royal free chapel' (under direct control of the Crown, and free of the normal ecclesiastical jurisdiction of Bishop and Archbishop), was then obtained, and in 1352 the Bishop of Winchester gave the new College its Statutes. The establishment, of Canons (one the Warden, later Dean), Priest-Vicars, (Lay) Clerks, Choristers, Virger and Poor Knights (since 1833 Military Knights) is essentially still the same.

The prime duties of the College were the service of God and prayer for the Sovereign, his family, and by implication, the members of the Order. These duties are still carried out by the College today, in the worship in the Chapel and in the work for the wider community by all parts of the College, including St George's House, its conference centre.

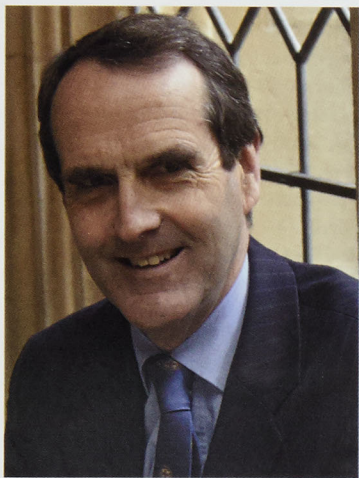
Thus by continuing to support the College of St George, Windsor Castle, Friends will be helping to maintain the long tradition of the service of God in St George's Chapel, as well as assisting with the upkeep of its buildings.

Bridget Wright

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Honorary Editor

The Honorary Secretary's Report

9 MARCH 2007



The Foundation

I have just heard that the Charity Commission has approved the scheme for the Foundation of the College of St George, Windsor Castle, and registered it as Charity No. 1118295. It was always only a matter of time although it is a relief to know that the way is now clear for the restructuring of the Society in its new form as the Friends and Companions of the College of St George. The work surrounding this important development has inevitably diverted the time and attention of your Honorary Secretary from his normal routine and activities. I hope you will understand if I have not always answered your telephone messages

and letters as promptly as they deserved. It also explains the late publication of this year's *Annual Report* to make it helpful, informative and accurate about the changes that are taking place. I know this has caused some members anxiety and inconvenience, and thank them for their patience and understanding.

One consequence of the new dispensation is that the 76th Annual General Meeting of the Society on 5 May now becomes the 1st Annual Meeting of the Friends and Companions. You will find the Notice for the Annual Meeting on p. 396 and the Agenda on p. 397. Another consequence is that the post of Honorary Secretary will be relinquished as from the Annual Meeting on 5 May and replaced by an unpaid volunteer Clerk to the Friends and Companions. The Trustees have approved the appointment of Colonel David Axson, Military Knight of Windsor, whose photograph and profile appear on p. 340. I wish David every success in his appointment to develop the role of the Friends and Companions in supporting the College of St George, especially its glorious Chapel and choral tradition.



The Honorary Secretary's Report

This page and overleaf: The AGM Tea and the REME Brass Quintet attract members and their guests to the Moat Garden.



The Past Year

Since my report to the AGM in which I mentioned my visit to the Australian membership (see p. 383), I can report that we have had two most successful visits. The first, 'A Day in Hampshire' began with a morning visit by a party of twenty-six to the Rose Garden at Mottisfont Abbey. This was followed by a leisurely picnic lunch in their spacious garden on the Test by kind invitation of Mrs Sarah Saunders-Davies, a Life Friend, and her husband Christopher. Afterwards, Mrs Scott-Joynt, the wife of the Bishop of Winchester, and her helpers very generously gave us a detailed tour of the Bishop's house at Wolvesey, followed by an excellent tea, before we attended the evening service in the Cathedral.

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thunderstorm when we visited Kingston Lacy. Fortunately, all twenty-four of us could shelter in the Stables Restaurant set aside for our exclusive use for a served

lunch. We then had a most rewarding visit to Wimborne Minster, where our hosts could not have been more welcoming and informative. We then stayed for a very special choral evensong to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Michael James Music Trust. Although no visits have been planned for the year ahead, I hope very much that they may continue.

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This brings me to the St George's House Weekend, which was held again after an interval of three years. In the end, twenty-two attended of whom five came from overseas. The programme focused on Windsor Great Park, where Mrs Barbara Askew, another Life Friend, was our official guide on a tour which took in the Queen's Dairy, by gracious permission of The Queen, the Savill Garden Restaurant in the new and daringly designed



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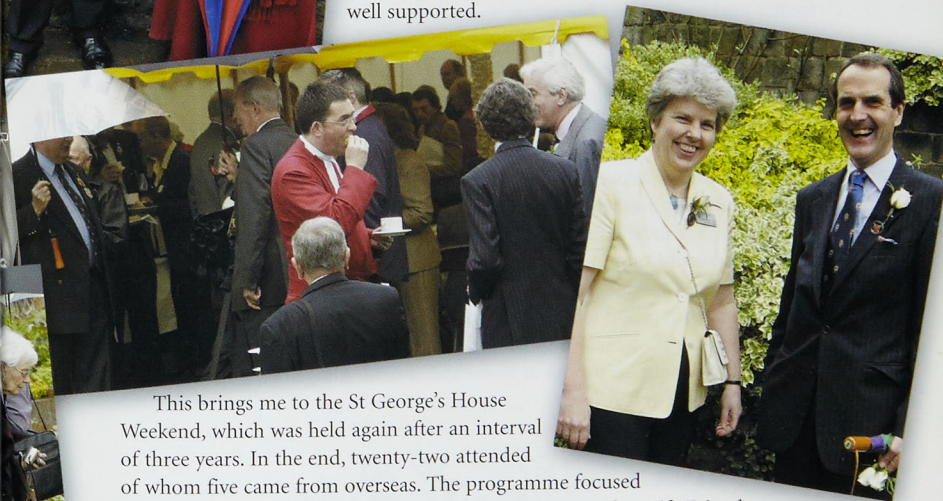
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Savill Building, and finally the Chapel in the Park through the kindness of Canon Ovenden, the Canon Chaplain. The next day, after Mattins in the Chapel, we visited Buckingham Palace and the spectacular exhibition of The Queen's dresses and private jewellery. I hope, too, that the SGH Weekends established by my predecessor Tim O'Donovan will still be repeated from time to time.


Valediction

It could be said that while I was Honorary Secretary, the Friends moved from the Curfew Tower into the Foundation. The last four and a half years have been the most fascinating and testing period of my life. There was once a police recruitment poster with the caption 'Dull It Isn't'. It could certainly be applied to St George's. The spectrum of experience has varied from attending HM The Queen's joyful and moving 80th Birthday Service in the Chapel to the doors of the Windsor/Slough train shutting in my face (again).

Of course, what makes any job are people. Jane Speller has just celebrated the 15th anniversary of her joining the Friends' Office, during which time she has raised over £17,000 for the Friends from her 'Chapter & Verse' productions and her stall at the Eton Action Fair. Jane is to be congratulated on two very significant achievements which, I am glad to say, she is set to continue (see p. 379 for her next production).

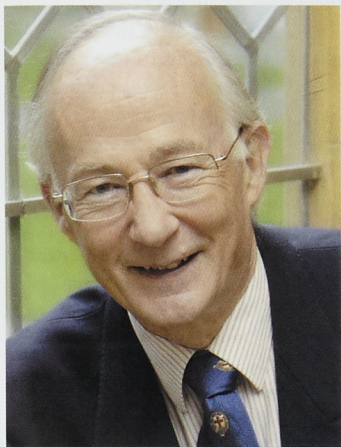
There are more people than I have space to thank here but I want to record my gratitude for three people by name: Andrew Goodhart, as Honorary Treasurer, for being a pillar of support in handling all things financial on his own computerised internet banking system; John Newbegin, Honorary Solicitor and now our Trustee on the Board of the Foundation, for his immense legal experience and wise counsel; and Charlotte Manley, Chapter Clerk, for her openness and approachability at all times.

Finally, I am indebted to the Dean as Chairman and all the members of the Management Committee over the last four years for their support and encouragement. Much has been achieved, most of all, incorporation in the new Foundation. I am proud to have had a part in it and to have spent the last four and a half years as a member of the College. I have made some good friends amongst the membership, both at home and abroad. Altogether, it is not an experience I shall ever forget.



Nigel Hill

The Honorary Treasurer's Review



The Charity has continued to attract new members both at home and overseas, with subscriptions being our primary source of income, together with Gift Aid, and we continue to receive donations and bequests, up by £16,000 for the year (see pp. 388-90).

At the Annual General Meeting in May 2006, we voted to merge with the new Foundation. This cost the Friends £10,000 on account of the two additional mail shots (containing the AGM booklet and the result of the Resolution) to all paid-up members.

The income for the financial year has increased by £11,000, with decreased expenditure of nearly £116,000, owing

to fewer grants being made to the Dean and Canons. Our investments continued to increase in value with a total fund balance at the end of the year of £561,502, an increase of £31,000.

In the past, the profits of FSG (Anniversary Sales) Limited, the trading subsidiary, were gift-aided to the charity. However, because the Friends did not produce its own Christmas cards for 2006, and the trading activities of the charity had diminished anyway, FSG (Anniversary Sales) Limited did not trade during 2006, and was dissolved as a separate trading subsidiary.

This explains why for 2006, the columns for the Charity and for the Group (i.e. the Charity plus FSG (Anniversary Sales) Limited) are identical, whereas the two columns for 2005 have different figures.

The Honorary Secretary's Report gives details of the various activities during the year.

Yet again, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work for the Friends for another year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Goodhart." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrew Goodhart

Clerk to the Friends and Companions

COLONEL DAVID AXSON



Colonel David Axson has been appointed as the first Clerk to the Friends and Companions, a new volunteer post combining part of the responsibilities of the Honorary Secretary of the Friends of St George's, together with aspects of financial management of the Friends and Companions of the College of St George. He will work closely with Major General Sir Michael Hobbs, the Development Director, and Miss Georgie Grant Haworth, the Development Manager, in his new role. He has been a Military Knight for five years, and Honorary Secretary of the Guild of Stewards for almost four years.

David was commissioned from Sandhurst into the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in 1957. During his Army service he served in Aden and Bahrain, the British Army of the Rhine and the United Kingdom. He commanded 65 Station Workshop (1963-64), 13th/18th Royal Hussars (QMO) LAD REME (1964-66), 5 Field Workshop REME 1976-76, 5 Armoured Workshop REME (1980-83), Vehicles and Weapons Branch REME (1984-88) and the School of Electronic Engineering (1988-92). He held several staff appointments, mostly in the personnel area. On retirement he served as the Corps Secretary REME until 2002, where he was responsible for administering the charities subscribed to by about 12,000 serving and retired members of the Corps. He is a graduate of London University, a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

David is married to Sheana and they celebrated their Ruby Wedding shortly after arriving in Lower Ward. They have two grown-up children and five grandchildren. Both play a full part in the life of the College and continue as members of the Guild of Stewards.

David's interests include off-shore sailing, military history and antique furniture. He is a Freeman of the City of London and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Turners.

David and Sheana are much looking forward to meeting and getting to know as many of the Friends and Companions as possible.



In 2006, with a renewed focus on the collegiate nature of our work in and around St George's Chapel, the Dean and Canons decided to realign the various interpretations of the Garter mark to create one definitive visual identity for the whole College to use.

With over thirty variations in regular use, it was quite a task, and with no definitive badge from 1348 or one clear moment in the badge's history to utilise, much research was required. Some themes emerged, however. The skill of the early artisans and craftsmen in rendering the mark, be it in wood, stone or paint, was immense, and through all the early renditions of the Garter mark, before computers and photocopies got involved, it was clear that precision was key.

Our designer drew on this and has redrawn the Garter mark so as to be clear and accurate, and to allow the viewer to understand the separate elements of the mark: the shield with St George's cross in front of the Garter. The addition of the College's name and location completes the updated identity, and secures the Garter mark firmly with the College and within the Castle. This accords with the original intentions of Edward III, when he founded simultaneously both the Order of the Garter and the College in 1348.

After College-wide consultations and Chapter's approval, we are delighted to be adopting an updated identity for the College, which is rooted so firmly in our rich and unique history, whilst creating an authoritative and unifying version under which the whole College can move forward into the next phase of its history.

Georgina Grant Haworth
Development Officer

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REPORT FROM THE AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE

- MRS VALERIE GROGAN

As I was writing this report, I received a letter sent to the Overseas Representatives by the Honorary Secretary explaining that his post would be relinquished as from the Meeting on 5 May. This was as a result of the restructuring of the Society on becoming part of the new Foundation of the College of St George. I wish to record the thanks of the Australian members to Mr Nigel Hill for the wonderful support he has given to them, and the hospitality he has extended to members when they have visited Windsor. The generous help and encouragement that Nigel has given me personally during the last four and a half years will always be remembered. We all send him our very best wishes for the future.

We were delighted to welcome Nigel and his wife Gillian to Australia in March/April 2006. They were Guests of Honour at functions held in three States at which Nigel addressed the members. On 27 March, a Luncheon was held at Parliament House, Sydney, at which our Parliamentary Host was the Revd the Hon. Dr Gordon Moyes, AC, MLC. The Revd Canon Boak Jobbins, OAM, read a message from the Dean of Windsor and then launched the second edition of *The History of the Australian Membership of the Society of the Friends of St George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter*. It was published to mark three very different anniversaries: Her Majesty The Queen's 80th birthday, the 75th Anniversary of the Society and 55 years of the Australian membership. The book was edited by Mr Peter Fitzhardinge-Seton and produced by Life Friends, Mr Mat Hölzl, OAM, and Mrs Ria Debrodt-Hölzl. They took Nigel and Gillian on a tour the following day to show them some beautiful parts of the Southern Highlands, where the three reside and where the book was printed. At a Luncheon at one of our noted wineries, they were joined by Mrs Effie Kerr, OAM, who had assisted with the book's production.

Nigel and Gillian then proceeded via Canberra to Melbourne, where Mrs Mary Drost organized a function in the Penman Room of St Paul's Cathedral. It was hosted by the Dean of Melbourne, the Very Revd David Richardson, who read a message from the Dean of Windsor. The Rt Hon. Sir Ninian Stephen, KG, AK, GCMG, GCVO, KBE, KStJ, a Vice-President of the Society, and Lady Stephen were present. One of our members, Mr Kevin Hains, told us about the close connection his late wife, Daphne Manners, had with the Rutland Chapel in the north transept of St George's Chapel. Another member present, Mr Jonathan Harvey, was born in the Norman Tower when his grandfather, Lord Wigram, was Deputy Constable and Lieutenant Governor of the Castle. I wish to thank Miss Ann Rusden, Mr David Studham, Mr Bruce Macintosh and Mr and Mrs Llewellyn Jones for the help they gave to Mrs Drost with this function.

The Hills then visited Perth, Western Australia, where the Dean of Perth, the Very Revd Dr John Shepherd, hosted a function with Freshwater Bay Press, at

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Burt Hall, St George's Cathedral. The Hon. Justice Nicholas Hasluck, AM, read a message from the Dean of Windsor and then launched his book *The Hasluck Banner*. It recalls the steps taken after the death of his father, the Rt Hon. Sir Paul Hasluck, KG, to transfer his Garter Banner from the Quire in St George's Chapel to the south transept of St George's Cathedral. The Hasluck Banner is a visible reminder of the bond between the Anglican Church in Australia and its antecedents in the British Isles. It is probably the only Garter Banner in Australia.

Seven Australian Friends made a special trip to England in June for Her Majesty's 80th birthday celebrations. On 13 June, a presentation was made in the Deanery to the Dean of Windsor of a donation towards the Australian Friends' gift of Aus\$7,500 for the 75th Anniversary of the Society. I also handed to the Dean our gift for Her Majesty's 80th birthday for him to present to Her Majesty on behalf of the Australian members. This beautiful edition of *The History...* was specially inscribed and bound in a slip case decorated with golden wattle, the national floral emblem of Australia. On Sunday, 18 June, my husband and I were greatly honoured to be able personally to convey the birthday greetings of the Australian members to The Queen. The opportunity arose when we were presented to Her Majesty following a service in the Royal Chapel, Windsor Great Park, for the dedication of a roundel of the late Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and a movable font made by her nephew, Lord Linley.

I wish to acknowledge the tremendous contribution made by two of our members: Mr Peter Fitzhardinge-Seton for editing the very informative second edition of *The History...* (which has been a successful fund-raiser) and Mr Geoffrey McMahon who has been a most generous supporter of our fund-raising efforts and who hosted members of the Australian contingent at his apartment in London for Her Majesty's 80th Birthday celebrations.

I am very grateful for the continued, enthusiastic support of Mrs Helen Booth, Mrs Mary Drost and Mrs Angela Lind. Angela spent a wonderful three nights at St George's House for the Friends' Weekend in September during which she visited the Royal Chapel, the Royal Dairy and Buckingham Palace, as well as attending services in St George's Chapel.



(From left to right) Nigel Hill watches as Valerie Grogan presents *The History* to the Dean.



The Australian Friends, and Ted Neilson of AmFriends (top right), at the Garter Tea.

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REPORT FROM THE **NEW ZEALAND** REPRESENTATIVE
- **MR PHILLIP O'SHEA**

Membership

In July 2006, information on the Society was sent to New Zealand members of the Royal Victorian Order and the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor with the thought that they might be interested in supporting the work of the Society. In addition, New Zealand members were encouraged to put forward names of others who might wish to join the Society. The first 'membership drive' has to date resulted in one new member. The name of one member whose whereabouts are unknown was removed from the roll.

The New Zealand roll totals 60 and includes:

KG	1 (Sir Edmund Hillary, KG, ONZ, KBE)
Honorary Life Member (Descendant)	1 (Mr Warwick Lawrence)
Life Descendants	12
Life Friends	44
Honorary Corporate Friend	1 (Heraldry Society, New Zealand Branch)
Corporate Life Friend	1 (Royal Commonwealth Society, Auckland Branch)

Obituary

The Rt Hon. Lord Cooke of Thorndon, ONZ, KBE, PC, died on 30 August 2006. Lord Cooke was an eminent jurist and former president of the New Zealand Court of Appeal. He received a British Life Peerage in 1996, and was appointed to the exclusive Order of New Zealand in 2002 on the occasion of The Queen's Golden Jubilee. Lord Cooke had been a Life Friend since 1995.

Activities and News

Mr Warwick Lawrence, my predecessor as New Zealand Representative and our Honorary Descendant Life Member, celebrated his 90th birthday in December 2005.

At the invitation of New Zealand Post Ltd (on behalf of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand), I designed the reverse of the commemorative coin issued on 21 April 2006 to mark the 80th Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen. The coin was struck in aluminium-bronze, sterling silver and pure gold in denominations of one and ten dollars. New Zealand Post, in association with the Jersey Post, also issued a commemorative five-dollar postage stamp.

Sir Edmund Hillary, KG, ONZ, KBE, whose portrait appears on the New Zealand five-dollar bank note, featured prominently in the Reserve Bank of New Zealand museum when it was opened in September.

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REPORT FROM THE NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE - MR PHILLIP O'SHEA

Mrs Jenny Officer's interest in the Society has been appreciated. During two visits to the United Kingdom, she has made contact with the Society's office. The support and encouragement from the Society's officers, in particular Mr Nigel Hill and Miss Jane Speller, is welcomed and appreciated.

Mr Hill has kept me informed of the proposed restructuring changes to the Society. It would appear that the changes have been carefully planned and considered. From my point of view, I warmly support and endorse the proposals. I note, with regret that we lose Mr Hill with the post of Honorary Secretary but appreciate the reasons. For my part, I thank Mr Hill for his help and support since I became the New Zealand Representative, and extend my best wishes to him for the future.

REPORT FROM THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE - MR BRIAN KIRKWOOD

Nigel Hill has very kindly kept me informed of developments that have taken place over the past few months. In 1996, I wrote to Tim O'Donovan volunteering my services as the representative of St George's Chapel in Canada. I was delighted when he accepted, and both my wife Marion and I have been honoured to play a very small part in the Society.

I have to admit that the ensuing years have not been very rewarding membership-wise. It is easy to make excuses, but a fast-growing Asian immigrant population has no idea about Windsor Castle and its Chapel. In addition, the exchange rate now is prohibitive as far as Canada is concerned.

When I visited Windsor in the autumn, I mentioned to Nigel that I was thinking of retiring. I have since written to the Dean to thank him for allowing me to be part of such an illustrious and distinguished group, explaining that I thought the time had arrived for me to retire (and let a younger person take the helm). I am grateful to the Dean for graciously accepting my resignation and generously expressing his appreciation of my support over the last eleven years.

I began my military career in Windsor many years ago so that it will always remain very dear to me. I look forward to returning at intervals and seeing Tim O'Donovan, Nigel Hill and Jane Speller. They have become good friends and have always given me their full support.

When the new Foundation of the College of St George makes its official debut in May, American Friends will extend every effort to assure the success of the new venture. We will also welcome the Friends and Companions of the College of St George, an equally new organization that will comprise all donors from the constituent organizations of the Windsor Castle community, including members of AmFriends. There is wisdom, of course, in centralizing all fund-raising activities in the new Foundation and, in time, we will routinely champion the projects and programs of the Friends and Companions of the College of St George, just as we have espoused those of the Society of Friends and Descendants.

The changes at Windsor Castle will have no effect on the structure of AmFriends. We will continue to be known as American Friends of St George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter, the name under which we were incorporated on 24 June 1985 in the State of New York. We are also registered under that name with the United States Internal Revenue Service as a not-for-profit corporation. On our revised letterhead, we will identify AmFriends as an affiliate of the Foundation of the College of St George.

AmFriends is encouraged by the assurance of Foundation officials that under the new organisation, we will continue to enjoy the option of choosing particular projects to support financially. While the Foundation will apply income from subscriptions to its overall objectives, provisions are in place to allow donations and bequests to be directed toward specific needs and projects. Thus, there will be no change in the way AmFriends traditionally supports St George's Chapel.

On other matters, a highlight of 2006 was the board's approval of a US\$20,000 contribution from AmFriends toward the cost of refurbishing the Song-school, the choristers' rehearsal room, in Marbeck's House. We are indebted to Nigel Hill for co-ordinating this project for us at Windsor Castle and for providing photographs of the old and new furniture, as well as copies of the Choir's new CD. These offerings were helpful to the board as it considered the funding request.

With this contribution, AmFriends has come full circle. We donated the same amount in 1999 for the restoration of the organ in St George's Chapel. Our current grant will now enhance the space used by the choristers over the last half-century to prepare the liturgical music and hymns they perform with the organ during services in the Chapel.

AmFriends was again in 2006 the beneficiary of major grants from several loyal members, including Mr and Mrs Ellice McDonald, Mrs John Douglas Pigott, Jr, and Mr Ross H. Sidney. Their generosity helped to make our Song-school donation possible.

Mr Sidney recently advised AmFriends that he wishes to retire from his position as vice president and member of the board of directors. A distinguished lawyer,

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REPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE - MR WARREN HULL



Mr Ross H. Sidney.

he was managing partner of Grefe and Sidney, a well-regarded law practice in Des Moines, Iowa. Several years ago, he retired and relocated in Sarasota, Florida. Mr Sidney joined the Society in 1989, only four years after AmFriends was established. He quickly assumed leadership roles in our organization and helped revitalize it in 1998. The board, especially the president, will miss his wise counsel. While the board searches for a successor, Mr Sidney has agreed to remain in office.

It would be hard to imagine the Society without the inspired presence of Jane Speller, Membership Secretary. She and I are in touch several times a week by email as she brings me presents

– new American Friends and Descendant members. Her ideas for serving our membership are always welcome ... and helpful.

Finally, 2006 was a restless year for AmFriends. Through the uncertainty of change, however, a quartet of Windsor officials provided advice and encouragement: the Right Reverend David Conner, Dean of Windsor; Sir Michael Hobbs, Governor of the Military Knights of Windsor and one of the architects of the Foundation; Georgina Grant Haworth, Development Manager, and Nigel Hill, Honorary Secretary, Society of Friends. Our gratitude to them is boundless.

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Obituary

MAJOR W.L. THOMPSON, MVO, MBE, DCM

Major Walter Louvain (Tommy) Thompson died on 21 March 2006. On 29 April 2006 at a Memorial Evensong in St George's Chapel, attended by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh and a host of distinguished figures from his Regimental career, the Dean of Windsor said of him:

'He showed great personal courage in war, had a directness of manner and a great love of his wife, who sadly predeceased him, while his loyalty to his neighbours and friends made him a commendable example to us all.'

He was born on 18 July 1915 in Norton near Malton, Yorkshire, and his middle name commemorated the fact that his father was involved in fighting around Louvain in the First World War. Nearly thirty years later, Tommy was to fight around the same town in the Second World War.

From his earliest years Tommy had a natural affinity with horses; this led to him joining the Life Guards in 1933. He soon became an equitation instructor. The outbreak of war, however, saw him return to Combermere Barracks for retraining in the mechanised and armoured role. It was here that he met and married Jackie, who was serving in the ATS. Shortly after D-Day, the 2nd Household Cavalry Regiment saw action in Normandy, and later took part in the Guards' Armoured Division's advance from the Seine to Nijmegen and beyond.

Corporal of Horse Thompson's Troop was, on 5 September 1944, ordered to seize and hold a bridge over the River Dyle at Louvain, and he was sent forward to hold a smaller bridge to the side. His citation says: *'C/H Thompson found a hole in the middle of the bridge; under heavy fire he dismounted from his armoured car and pulled a door and some planks over the hole enabling his car to cross. He then held the road junction against the SS who made many attempts to destroy him... By his coolness and courage he was largely instrumental in enabling his Troop Leader to hold the bridge.'* For his action Tommy was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, which was presented to him at a parade on Lüneburg Heath by Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery.

After the war Tommy went back to his first love – horses. He helped to re-establish the Mounted Regiment, won numerous competitions, and became the first post-war Riding Master for the Household Cavalry. He was awarded the MBE in 1960, and completed his military service in 1968 as the Chief Instructor at the Army School of Equitation.

For the next ten years he was on the staff of The Duke of Edinburgh, training teams of horses to compete in national and international carriage-driving events. He was made a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (MVO) in 1978, the year in which he was appointed as a Military Knight of Windsor. From that date, until failing health caused his retirement in 2003, he occupied 7 Lower Ward, and was a much-loved and respected member of the College and Castle community.

Michael Hobbs

Dates in the Chapel Calendar for 2007

The following list shows in **bold type** the dates of the major Christian festivals, and in *italics* those of special significance for the College of St George.

1 April	Palm Sunday
5 April	Maundy Thursday
6 April	Good Friday
7 April	Easter Eve
8 April	Easter Day ; College term ends after Evensong
19 April	College Trinity term begins
20 April	Service for the Royal Victorian Order (private)
23 April	<i>Feast of St George the Martyr</i>
5 May	Friends' and Companions' Annual Meeting
17 May	Ascension Day
19 May	<i>Obit of Henry VI</i>
27 May	Pentecost: Confirmation
28 May – 3 June	College half-term
5 June	<i>Quarterly Obit</i>
17-19 June	<i>Solemnity of St George (Garter Day 18 June)</i>
2 July	<i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
15 July	College term ends
1 September	College Michaelmas term begins
23 September	<i>September Obit</i>
10 October	Bond Memorial Lecture (see p. 361)
13 October	<i>Feast of St Edward the Confessor</i>
2 November	All Souls' Day: Requiem Eucharist
11 November	Remembrance Sunday
2 December	Advent Sunday
4 December	<i>Quarterly Obit and Obit of Henry VI</i>
11 December	December Concert
23 December	Carols for Christmas
24 December	5.15 pm Nine Lessons and Carols; 11.15 pm Midnight Mass
25 December	Christmas Day ; College term ends after Evensong

Organ Recitals

Lunchtime Organ Recital	1 May
Evening Organ Recital	5 May
Lunchtime Organ Recital	8 May
Lunchtime Organ Recital	15 May
Lunchtime Organ Recital	22 May
Evening Organ Recital	2 June
Lunchtime Organ Recital	5 June
Lunchtime Organ Recital	12 June
Lunchtime Organ Recital	19 June
Lunchtime Organ Recital	26 June
Evening Organ Recital	7 July

Owing to internal work in the Chapel, measures have been taken to protect the organ. This may limit the range of recitals.

Pattern of regular services

Sundays

8.30 am	Holy Communion
10.45 am	Sung Mattins with Sermon
11.45 am	Sung Eucharist
5.15 pm	Evensong

Monday – Saturday

7.30 am	Mattins
8.00 am	Holy Communion
11.45 am	Holy Communion (Friday only)
5.15 pm	Evensong (except Wednesdays when the service is said)

On major Saints' Days there is a Sung Eucharist at 5.15 pm.

When the Choir of St George's is away, either services are all said, or some are sung by a visiting choir.

The Friends of St George's

BY HUGO VICKERS

In 1954 John Betjeman published his poem, *The Friends of the Cathedral*, in which he poked gentle fun at the efforts made by well-wishers to make the Cathedral more user-friendly:

‘Those things that look like wireless sets
Suspended from each column,
Which bellow out the Litany
Parsonically solemn –
Are they a present from the Friends?
And if they are, how nice
That aided by their echo
One can hear the service twice.’¹

The Society of the Friends of St George's was founded in 1931 as a direct result of the intense period of fund-raising for the major restoration of the Chapel overseen by Dean Albert Baillie in the 1920s. The completion of that work was celebrated in 1930, and the Friends were created the following year, as the Dean put it, ‘to take the financial burden of any special work of repair or improvement in the Chapel off our shoulders.’ This work was assisted by the use of interest from capital of £2,500 given to the Dean by his friends in memory of his wife. Though the capital was not then deployed, the interest made it possible to restore the Rutland Chantry and the Garter stall plates, which had deteriorated over the centuries.

The Descendants of the Knights of the Garter were set up in the 1920s (with an office in London) to help with the great restoration. In 1933, they were chaired by the 17th Duke of Somerset, with the 5th Duke of Sutherland as Honorary Treasurer. They paid five shillings a year, or five guineas for life membership. For this they were promised special facilities when visiting the Chapel, meetings in London, a yearly service in St George's, a Certificate of Membership and an Annual Report.

On 27 November 1931 Dean Baillie held a meeting in the Nave, at which the Society of Friends of St George's was formed and their new Constitution approved. In 1934 King George V became Patron of the Friends.

In 1933 Dean Baillie wrote that the Descendants were ‘first in the field to help us, and raised a very considerable sum of money as a nucleus for the endowment fund.’ As they also had sister societies (the Society of Descendants in America was founded in 1929), the Dean felt it would be ‘utterly ungracious, therefore, to suggest their simply being merged in the Friends.’ There was an added complication in that by their Constitution the Friends could care only for the Chapel itself, whereas the Descendants could also help with the Cloisters and other buildings that fell under the aegis of the College of St George.

In 1933 Canon Anthony Deane, the Canon Steward, explained why the College found itself so much in need of funds. In days past the College was rich, owing to the gifts and bequests of Kings and Knights of the Garter, but in 1867 all their estates were taken over by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who provided a fixed income in exchange. This was set at the then rate of the Chapter's annual expenditure - £14,400. Of this, £8,000 was for stipends, and the remaining £6,400 for the running costs and maintenance of the buildings. Not surprisingly, sixty-five years later, it was wholly inadequate.

In 1935 the Dean made clear that any who wore the badge of Friend or Descendant could be sure 'of the utmost consideration' when they came to the Chapel, and that where possible seats would be allocated to them for special services whenever space allowed. In the same year the Friends and Descendants, who had operated side by side, were officially amalgamated.

Dean Baillie was a great advocate of educating visitors about the beauties of St George's Chapel and thus engaging affection and support for the place. To this end he and the Canons took many visitors round, as did volunteers - large parties came in charabancs from the Midlands, according to the Dean - and Eton boys assisted as guides on Sunday afternoons. In 1933 the Friends had funded the publication of the first edition of *The Romance of St George's Chapel*, written by Canon H.W. Blackburne, their Honorary Secretary. (In 1949 Major 'Billy' Clough, a Military Knight, had the inspired idea of including a form for membership of the Friends in the back). In various revised forms this book continues to sell in the Chapel shop. From the start all net profits from its sale went to the Friends.

As Dean Baillie wrote in the first edition: 'We who live here and wander through its courts and aisles at all hours are glad if we can do anything to help others to feel something of the inspiration and happiness that comes to us from this wonderful heritage.' Following the restoration of the Chapel, and the burial of King George V, visitors were keener than ever to visit St George's.

King George VI loved the Chapel and the Order of the Garter, and became Patron immediately after his Accession. One of his first actions within a few days of becoming King was to create his Consort, Queen Elizabeth, a Lady of the Garter. He commanded that a Garter Service be held in the summer of the Coronation in 1937.

The early Annual Reports began to inform Friends and Descendants of activities, progress, problems and matters of historical interest in the College of St George. Canon Ollard founded the monograph series which, over the years, has given the history of the Knights of the Garter, Deans and Canons, Military Knights, and many other aspects of the College. (The late Paul Mellon sponsored the publication of *The Manuscripts of St George's Chapel* - written by the late

Canon Dalton – which was published in 1957. The following year he was appointed the first American Honorary Life Member of the Society.)

By 1938 there were 544 Friends and 472 Descendants. The war years were inevitably quiet for the Society, there being no Annual General Meetings until a small one in 1944, but after the war, the College came to life again. When Eric Hamilton succeeded Albert Baillie as Dean in 1944 he wrote of the Friends: 'It is good to find an Association of this kind in being, drawing together so many who have the real interests of St George's at heart and who can be relied upon to support us with their prayers no less generously than with their money.'

In 1945 a full list of Friends and Descendants was published, showing amongst their number: Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, and the Earl of Athlone, their daughter Lady May Abel Smith, Princess Helena Victoria and her sister Princess Marie Louise, the 7th Duke of Wellington (later a KG), (Ettie) Lady Desborough (mother of Julian and Billy Grenfell - killed in the First World War), the Rev G.A. Ellison (a future Bishop of London), E.W.S. Ford (Sir Edward Ford, who died in 2006 aged 96), and Miss Kathleen Naylor (the longest founder Friend to survive).

The late Duke of Gloucester became President of the Society in 1946, and all the Knights of the Garter became Vice-Presidents, a tradition that has continued. In July 1947 the Nave Altar (a thanksgiving and memorial to those who had died in the Second World War) was dedicated in the presence of the King and Queen and Queen Mary. And on St George's Day 1948 a magnificent Garter Ceremony was held, at which the present Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were installed. They had each been created a member of the Order by Special Statute shortly before their wedding in November 1947, which means that in November 2007 they will both celebrate sixty years in the Order, a remarkable achievement.

In the same year there was a festival of church music, and the Knights of the Garter again assembled in their robes for a Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 600th anniversary of the Foundation of the Order of the Garter in 1348.

Over the years the Society has made vital, important and inspired contributions to the restoration and adornment of St George's Chapel. Amongst their many achievements was the purchase in 1949 of the John Schorn Book of Hours. A feature of the generosity of members has been the occasional substantial donation or bequest.

A crisis in the finances of the Dean and Canons occurred in the 1950s, and in January 1959 Dean Hamilton and the Earl of Halifax (Chancellor of the Order of the Garter) set up a private appeal for funds. This was because the annual income from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners was still only £14,400, with turnstile takings from the two-shilling entry charge to the Chapel yielding a further £18,000. Repairs to the Chapel, Cloisters, Curfew Tower, Chapter Library,

roadway and Chapter staff quarters (and standard surveyor's fees) amounted to nearly £200,000. By November the private appeal had raised £63,952 and a professional fund-raiser was engaged in the hope of raising the outstanding £135,000.

The Dean and Chancellor were only partially successful. When Dean Hamilton died in 1962, he was succeeded by a more energetic and dynamic Dean in Robin Woods, who launched a new appeal in June 1964, then asking for £225,000, which would include the establishment of St George's House in 1966 – today a key part of the life of the College. This sum soon rose to £350,000. Amongst many other things, Dean Woods founded the Lay Stewards in 1966 and helped create the Windsor Festival in 1969.

The Friends moved to the Curfew Tower in 1963, while Dean Woods encouraged the growth of overseas Friends and Descendants, welcoming a party from the USA to the AGM in 1967.

The Society has continued to support the Chapel ever since. In September 1981 Dean Michael Mann wrote: 'We now enter our fifty-first year, and there is one thing that is certain in a period of increasing uncertainty, and that is that St George's is going to need the Friends in the coming years more than ever before'. Dean Mann was one of those who pointed out that it was not only funds that the College expected from the Friends. He expressed this as 'your support, your generous giving of time as well as money, and above all, your continuing prayers', all of which have been a part of the commitment of the Friends over so many years.

In 1999 the Millennium Fund was launched. The Friends raised £220,000 for the full restoration of the organ, which was completed in 2002. The Jubilee Fund, set up in 2001, raised over £70,000 towards the restoration of the West Front. [*As this Report goes to press, the scaffolding has been rising for the start of this work – (see inside back cover). Ed.*] The list of work for which the Friends have given funds over the years is printed on p. 372.

In 2006 the Friends celebrated seventy-five years since their creation in 1931. With the establishment of the new Foundation of the College of St George, Windsor Castle, the role of the Friends and Descendants inevitably changes, as does much else in the structure of running the College of St George. But one thing does not change – the Chapel's need for the support of the Friends, many of whom hold the Chapel in a special place in their hearts, and whose loyalty and assistance to the College goes beyond the ever-pressing need for finance.

Notes:

- 1 John Betjeman, *Poems in the Porch* (1954).



The Dean in walking mode.

The great, great (fourteen greats to be exact) niece of Sir Reginald Bray has agreed to wave off the Dean and me as we begin our 250-mile sponsored walk in July. We aim to raise money to endow the scholarship for a Chorister and, by doing so, release funds from the Dean and Canons' everyday accounts to assist in the maintenance and everyday running of St George's Chapel.

Mrs Bray lives in Surrey, and the gatepost at the family home is marked with a badge seen many times in the Chapel – it is the hemp-brake badge of Sir Reginald, who left his fortune to ensure the completion of the building of St George's in the early sixteenth century.

So, apart from a significant starting point and some blisters along the way, what else might we expect and hope for?

On the expectation front, we have an interesting itinerary that weaves its way around the central southern part of England. The route takes in both the holdings of founder KGs, such as Wallingford held by the Black Prince, and the

homes of some current KGs. Parts of a variety of long-distance footpaths will be used, beginning, perhaps appropriately, with the Pilgrims' Way. The walk will finish at Windsor just over two weeks after the start. Four helpers, including Mrs Conner, have agreed to supply us with dry socks, sandwiches and general cheer.

So following on from the expectations, what are our hopes? To endow a scholarship for a Chorister is no small amount of money when planned for the long term. To this end we hope that many individuals or groups of individuals will sponsor us to the tune of £250. This, we realise, is a lot to ask from many people, but if you wish to contribute and cannot afford £250, please give what you can. That way we are confident that we will make the target. If some of you wish to give larger sums, that too would, of course, be very welcome. However, any amount, be it large or small, will be received with grateful thanks.

Those of you kind enough to send in a completed sponsorship form will be sent an outline of the route so that you can follow our progress, read about some of the places passed through, and imagine the click of the pedometer as the miles tick by. A sponsorship form is included with this *Annual Report*.

The Dean and I are very glad to help raise some funds that will benefit both the choral tradition and the fabric of the buildings. With your help, we can help sustain this unique place into the future. Please complete the sponsorship form to whatever level you are able, and return it as soon as you can.

Charlotte Manley

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"Thirsk is more than the Thompsons!"

BY JOHN WHITE



The Song-school in use in the 1970s.

When we set about refurbishing St George's House a few years ago, we were determined to equip the bedrooms with furnishings that would stand the test of time. Much hotel furniture has a built-in obsolescence to allow for regular up-dating. St George's House, not being a hotel but intent on providing a more domestic environment, set in an ancient Royal residence, seemed to demand traditional materials made up to sensitive designs that were timeless without being reproduction. In our search for an appropriate manufacturer capable of interpreting our demands, I consulted Derek Slater of Crayke, the master wood-carver and furniture specialist, who has been responsible for making many items in the Chapel and College buildings during the last twenty-five years. Clearly, the new furniture for the bedrooms was not a commission for a one-person operation, neither were we looking for the highest quality stand-alone pieces. However, Derek Slater's advice, freely given, proved invaluable. With characteristic northern directness he proposed only one company for the work. (His own first Windsor commission, to make the dining-room furniture for the House, came by a similar Northern 'single' suggestion!) He gave me the name of 'Treske of Thirsk'. After comparison with other tenders, this company's came out 'tops', and it was given the task of furnishing the bedrooms.



The Song-school with its new furniture.

Treske was founded by John Gormley in 1973, and occupies Victorian maltings on the edge of the North Yorkshire Moors just outside the market town of Thirsk. The ownership changed in 2000 when Julian Bartlett took over the company.

The work completed for St George's House was sufficiently impressive, and the personal service so remarkably good, that we have returned to Treske on several occasions since for other furnishings around the College; furnishings as various as the new inner porch and the other doors that protect the shop temperature in the Dean's Cloister, and the refitted Song-school for the Choir.

The Song-school, sited in what is traditionally known as Marbeck's House, a much-restored late fifteenth-century building, has served as the choir rehearsal room for over fifty years. The desks, somewhat like choir stalls, were found to be on the verge of becoming a health and safety hazard. After years of daily battling with vigorous young boys, their once sturdy construction had given up the unequal struggle to survive. The original desk tops have been separately preserved, as they carry the roughly-carved inscriptions made by generations of choristers. The new pristine tops, however, are not intended to be places to continue the 'carving' tradition, and we seriously hope that the new furniture will last at least as long as the old.

"Thirsk is more than the Thompsons!"



One of the old desk-tops, showing decades of carvings by the Choristers.

Another Treske work is the cabinet for the Beryl Dean Embroideries, which stands in the ambulatory behind the High Altar, and houses the large panels executed in the 1970s for the Rutland Chantry. Originally intended to help screen the Chantry from public gaze, the embroideries began to deteriorate from too much exposure to sunlight and dust. Moreover, in an age more given to concepts of conservation than was the 1970s, it is now thought that block-screening the Rutland Chantry significantly disturbs the original architectural intention. In response to this particular perception, along with a public demand to be able

see the work (the Chantry being closed to the public to protect the Rutland tomb), the embroideries were moved to the north wall of the Chantry where they could be viewed from the open doorway. But in this position they hid several important brasses, including those of the Duchess of Exeter and a fifteenth-century Canon of Windsor. So it was decided that, for reasons of preservation and continued public access, a glass-fronted cabinet should be made for them, which would be so arranged that when opened up all the tapestries might be viewed by genuinely interested visitors. This was a difficult assignment for Treske as the Chapel staff needs to be able to operate the demonstration, while the cabinet remains securely upright throughout, thus sparing the lives of those viewing the art works! The solution was to weight the cabinet with a large quantity of lead, an ingenious device which should discourage frequent re-locations of the cabinet in the future.



The new desks and stools, seen from the side.

Treske are also responsible for additional cupboards in the Lower Chapter Room (commonly called the Vestry) which have been built on to the top of the existing fittings. These new additions are so skilfully blended into the existing furniture that they appear to have been part of the original design. They provide much needed storage space.

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Although the canonry houses of St George's Chapel, Windsor, include many important elements of mediaeval domestic architecture, notably in Canons' Cloister, originally a purpose-built court of fourteenth-century timber-framed houses,¹ much of the fabric of the other houses dates from the 1660s or later. This is because of the extensive destruction that occurred during the Commonwealth.² The houses on the west side of the cloister were also casualties, and lead was stripped from the cloisters and the house roofs. Consequently, the restoration of the monarchy of 1660 was followed by a large amount of repair and new building to make good the depredations that had occurred during the previous fifteen years or so. It was during the period of post-Restoration reconstruction that the document which is the subject of this article was initiated: the so-called 'Income Book', a two-volume register covering the period 1678-1835 (see fig. 1).

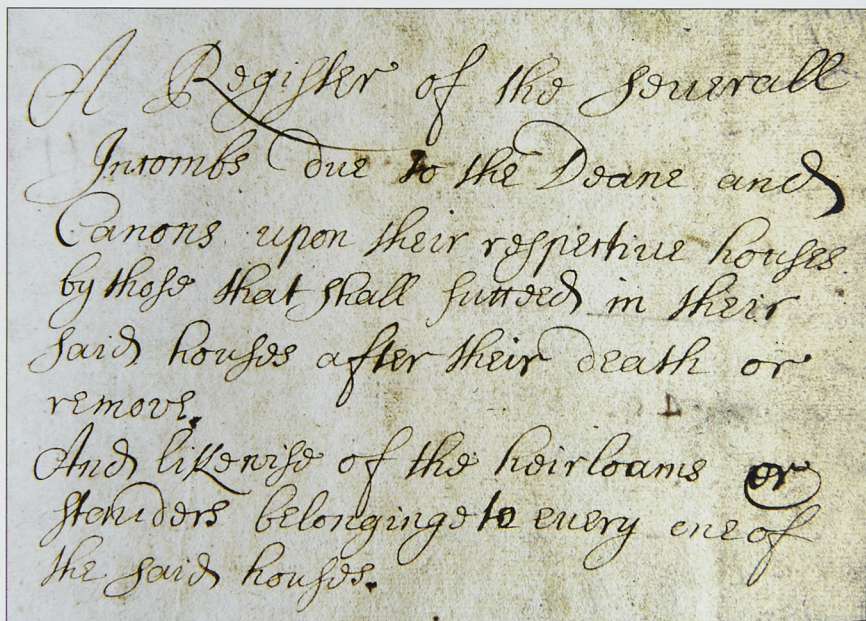


figure 1: Title-page of the Income Book.

'Income' was the sum of money paid by a new occupant of a canonry house to his predecessor there, relating to various fixtures within the house. What may previously have been a private affair between canons appears to have been regularised in 1607, when it was enacted in Chapter that

'if any of the Canons shall remove from their houses in the Cloister or Departe this lief, having bestowed any Charges for Waynscot in the same house or any part thereof, then whosoever shall come unto the same house shall satisfie the Charge thereof to him or his executors as it Coste abatinge only iiijjs in the pounce that so in the ende the same wainscot maie belonge to the house as the goodes of the deane and Canons...'³

Here was an attempt to address the financial implications of a particular type of fixture, namely wooden panelling, often known as 'wainscot'. Such panelling was installed at the expense of each resident canon, just as the tenant of a non-furnished house might have a carpet fitted at his own expense today. It was perfectly possible for wainscot to be removed when an occupant moved out, to be reused elsewhere. In practice such a process was cumbersome and destructive, and it was simpler for the new occupant to repay his predecessor the cost of the wainscot, less a depreciation of four shillings in the pound (20%). The process was repeatable: thus, the next occupant would repay his predecessor for the same, 'third-hand' wainscot, less a further mark-down; and of course he would also have to pay the discounted price of any wainscot which his predecessor had installed.

A similar system operated at Winchester, where in 1662 the Chapter determined that the fitting of wainscot in the canons' houses should be paid for by the individual occupants, who eventually would be reimbursed by their successors in the house, after deduction of 25%: the Winchester equivalent of the Income Book is known as the 'Wainscot Book'.⁴

One obvious benefit of the Income Book is the fact that it provides a reasonably complete register of the occupants of each house. Prior to the first entries in the book, c.1678, the occupancy of the canons' houses may be worked out only from chance entries in Chapter minutes, Treasurers' rolls, and other documents. That having been said, using the Income Book to determine occupancy still requires quite a lot of detective work. One problem is that numbers were not allotted to the canonry houses until March 1766; furthermore, the entries in the first volume were made on a chronological rather than a house-by-house basis and are therefore seldom consecutive. To add to the confusion, not only has the numbering system seen several changes, but the extents of the houses themselves have changed, rooms sometimes being 'captured' by adjacent properties. Nevertheless, the way in which entries were made, recording the fact that Canon Z paid 'Income' to Canon Y, who had in turn previously paid Canon X, means

that it should be possible to establish sequence of occupancy for individual properties. But difficulties arise owing to confusion and *lacunae* in the Income Book, though sometimes occasional references in the Chapter Acts book resolve such problems.

By way of example, an Income Book entry dated 1725 clearly identifies the house, into which Dr Henry Bland had recently entered, as 'the first house on the right hand in the Inner Cloister', i.e. the present No. 1 (known, confusingly, as No. 2 when numbers were first allotted in 1766). It shows that Bland's predecessor in the house, whom he reimbursed, was Dr Andrew Snape;⁵ the previous entry shows that Snape had succeeded Dr Maurice Vaughan there in 1714.

Snape and Bland were connected by more than the fact that they were successive occupants of the present No. 1. Both were former King's Scholars of Eton, both Head Masters there (Snape from 1711 to 1720, Bland from 1720 to 1728) – and to judge from the increase in school numbers during their tenure, both were successful in their posts. Snape, a high churchman, was attacked by his enemies for his humble origins and his pedantry. Bland, a Yorkshireman and Whig, also attracted censure for his Latinity: Thomas Hearne the antiquary concluded from an epitaph that Bland had composed that 'he is but a muddy-headed man, and that he cannot write clear and intelligibly in that language'.

In the process of working out the occupancy of the canonry houses I was fortunate that much useful initial work had been done by Dr Eileen Scarff. Often, in the absence of clear indications, even from the Income Book, this had to be done by a process of elimination. The task was made harder by the changes which ensued when a canon in a desirable house died, and the survivors put in their bid in order of seniority, a process usually recorded in the Chapter Acts. For example, in 1722 John Wickart died on 29 January, Maurice Vaughan on 26 April, and John Mandeville resigned his canonry on his appointment as Dean of Peterborough; so Canons Wade and Brown took the opportunity of moving to more desirable houses. Interpreting the documents relating to such changes is made harder by the fact that sometimes a junior canon would try to get in first, by opting for a vacant house 'if none of his seniors required it' – and sometimes the seniors evidently did. For example, on 27 October 1678 Dr Saumares 'made option of that house which was the late Lord Bishop of Chichester's [Ralph Brideoake, died 5 October 1678] in case Dr Evans (Saumares's senior) does not take it'; if Evans chose to do so, Saumares opted for Evans's present house. Brideoake had lived in No. 8, a very desirable residence, and Dr Evans did choose to take over that house, where he lived until shortly before his death in March 1702.

In similar fashion in January 1681, Dr Thomas Spratt – later to be concurrently Bishop of Rochester and Dean of Westminster but the most junior canon



Figure 2: Seventeenth-century small square oak panelling in No. 1.

of Windsor, installed on 14 January – made option of the house now known as No. 1 ‘in case no senior takes it within the month’. The house had become available when Dr Gregory Hascard moved to the house later numbered No. 11 (part of Denton’s Commons), vacant since the death of Canon Millward a few weeks earlier. In fact a more senior canon, John Rosewell, also opted for No. 1 at the Chapter meeting of 4 February. Being senior, his choice prevailed, and Spratt accepted Rosewell’s former dwelling, at the north-west end of Denton’s Commons, now part of No. 24. This comprised part of the twelfth and thirteenth-century chamber block of the Great Hall, and was in poor repair: it was rebuilt c.1700.

Sometimes, the death of a canon seems to have been followed by an indecent canony scramble if he had occupied a house regarded as a desirable residence – especially those houses on the north side of the Cloister, with their fine views from the castle walls against which they were built. Canon Robert Young, for example, made choice of No. 6 Canons’ Cloister, on 21 February 1689, just days after the death of its former occupant, the great scholar Isaac Vossius.

Once the sequence of occupation has been worked out, and once one can be sure which building is described in each case – no easy task – one can begin to look at the actual entries. They provide a fascinating record of changing fashions in domestic comfort during a period of two centuries. Furthermore, as at Winchester, some of the items listed in the Income Book have actually survived. It is intended to produce a critical edition of the Income Book, and as the project develops I hope to identify such survivals.

The Income Book gets off to a fine start with an entry relating to the wonderful panels in the Dean’s study, made for Dr Christopher Wren, father of the architect. They were painted with the arms of the Garter Knights, and are usually called ‘the tables’ (*tabula* = board).⁶ Their present arrangement dates from the 1920s, but originally there were three panels: the central one with the Stuart Royal arms encircled by the Garter and embellished with branches bearing removable fruits with the arms of the Garter knights and leaves with their names; over this folded two wings forming a triptych.

The painted panels in the Deanery scarcely count as wainscot, though. At the time the Income Book was started, several of the houses still retained small-panelled wainscoting made of oak, such as is seen in the Accounts Office in No. 2, and also in the flat in No. 1 (*see fig. 2*). But in the 1660s a new type of panelling was coming into vogue, consisting of larger softwood (deal) panels. The lower drawing-room of St George’s House, once the parlour of the extensive house called No. 10 in the eighteenth century, contains very simple deal panelling, which was amongst that measured for Dr Fulham, the new occupant in 1669. Simple panelling of this sort is also found in a first-floor room in No. 4, possibly part of the panelling installed in various upstairs rooms in the house in 1681.

By singular misfortune, the best early example of the workings of the Income Book as regards panelling relates to the southern half of No. 10, which was demolished in 1859 being surplus to requirements when the number of canons was being reduced. In order to comply with the Income Book regulations, a new occupant of the house, Edward Fulham, had the existing panelling valued. Dr Fulham had spent much of the Commonwealth in exile at Livorno and returned to England at the Restoration as Vicar of Bray and Canon of the second stall at Windsor. Initially he lived in No. 6; he moved to No. 10 in 1669, where he lived until his death twenty-five years later at the age of ninety. During his tenure further panelling was fitted.



figure 3: Demolition of south part of No. 10 in 1859, with the panelling that had been removed stacked on the right.

Just one photograph of the house appears to survive: an early example of architectural record photography, taken when the house was being demolished.⁷ One can clearly see a large number of panels of wainscot neatly stacked on the right-hand side, some of it possibly dating from the seventeenth century, as it appears to be 'small-square' oak panelling (see fig. 3).

In the late seventeenth century, a number of the other canons' houses had new panelling installed by a joiner called George Trenhaile, and his invoices give an idea of the procedures involved. His account for panelling installed in a bedroom in Denton's Commons (by then a canonry house) in 1695 shows that this was quality work, with 'fielded' panels. All stages of the process are itemised: the purchase of the boards, the fixings including glue, the pitch used to water-proof the back of the boards to prevent rot where they were in contact with the masonry walls. Interestingly, although this was deal panelling, the cost of painting it is not included.

The scope of the Income Book extended far beyond wainscot, however, as was made clear by the reference on the title page to 'heirlooms' or 'standards', the term used for other fixtures in the houses. Such items as stoves, grates, shelving, all counted as 'standards', and they feature in various interesting lists throughout the volume. Needless to say, few if any such items have survived successive modernisations throughout the centuries.

Items relating to drainage and water supply also counted as fixtures within the canons' houses, and the Income Book provides fascinating insight into such mundane matters. Indeed, concern with sanitation goes back to the earliest days of St George's College, for in 1352, at the time of the construction of the Canons' Cloister, a 'Great Latrine' was formed in the twelfth-century mural tower now comprising part of No. 6. The accounts for 1354 mention the provision of twenty-six keys: so each canon and vicar had a private key to the facility. Coincidentally, it is in this house – and most probably still in the same tower – that as early as 1730 a 'Marble Water Stoole and Cistern' are attested in the Income Book.

Likewise, about five years later, a water closet was installed for Dr Edmund Marten (later Dean of Worcester) in the house now occupied by the Chapter Offices, No. 2 Canons' Cloister. Canon Marten evidently valued his privacy here, as elsewhere the sum of 5s. is itemised for 'a six-inch 3-bolt lock for the water closet'. By the early nineteenth century plumbing had become more sophisticated, and one entry describes the latest type of 'patent water closet' for the Deanery in 1828: it was equipped with 'a lift Pump, cistern & Tank &c with Suction & Waste Pipes &c & Ball Cock'.

The Dean who had this latest technology was Henry Hobart, simultaneously Vicar of Nocton, Lincolnshire, and Wantage, and Rector of Haseley in Oxfordshire. Dr Ollard, in his *Fasti Wyndesorienses*, comments thus: 'Hobart's

intellectual shortcomings are illustrated by the story that he, on the birth of the future Edward VII drew up an address of congratulation to Victoria congratulating her on thus "saving us from the incredible curse of a female succession". His chief interests were breeding dogs and tortoises.' Perhaps his new water closet was his most influential addition to the canons' residences, for within a few years most of the houses were equipped with similar conveniences.

The works currently in progress in No. 8 Canons' Cloister, rebuilt in the late seventeenth century over the eastern end of the mediaeval Great Hall, are providing an opportunity for detailed study of the fabric. Some of the panelling within the house was probably installed by the first post-Restoration occupant of No. 8, Ralph Brideoake, Chaplain to Charles II in 1660 and subsequently Dean of Salisbury then Bishop of Chichester. He retained his Windsor canonry to his death and chose to be buried in the Chapel, where he is commemorated by a fine recumbent effigy in the Bray Chantry.

The internal layout of No. 8, including the staircase, was much altered in the early nineteenth century by Canon George Heath, previously Head Master of Eton and known to the boys as 'Ascot Heath'. Tim Card, author of the splendid history *Eton Established*, characterises him as 'an excessive flogger who yet failed to ensure good discipline'. He is remembered for a cruel pun; about to flog a boy for playing cards he commented 'You shuffle and I cut'. It was probably during Heath's tenure that the house's dining parlour, within one of the mediaeval mural towers, was refurbished, with the installation of the new panelling which gave the room its present name of 'the Oak Room' (see fig. 4); unfortunately no reference appears to be made in the Income Book to this late example of wainscoting.

Further west, the house now known as No. 25 includes the rump of the north-east corner of the mediaeval chamber block associated with the Great Hall, first built by Henry II and completed by Henry III; evidence for the high end wall of the hall was discovered beneath No. 25 in August 2006. In the period covered by the Income Book, the property also comprised what is now No. 24 (rebuilt c.1700 as already noted), to the west. At the beginning of the nineteenth century the occupant of this enlarged house, known as No. 12 from 1766, was Dr Fisher, Bishop first of Exeter then, from 1807, of Salisbury. He patronised the young John Constable, who did a pencil sketch in May 1802 showing a view of St George's Chapel from a first-floor window.

A famous occupant of No. 4, in the north-east corner of Canons' Cloister, was Dr John Keate, the legendary Head Master of Eton from 1809 to 1834, having been Lower Master since 1803. A chilling caricature of the Doctor has survived, drawn by one of the King's Scholars in his copy of Horace in 1828. And the popular conception of Keate is indeed a caricature: one thing that all retain about him is that he famously claimed to have personally flogged eighty boys in



figure 4: Panelling in the Oak Room of No. 8, formed within a mural tower. The panelling was perhaps installed by Canon Heath, who lived in the house from 1808 to 1822.

one night (an athletic feat for which he was, however, cheered by the boys), and is said, inaccurately no doubt, to have chastised almost all the future prime ministers and bishops in the country. Despite – or perhaps owing to – his reputation as a flogger, he proved a popular and influential Head Master.

In 1828 Keate moved into No. 4, and within a few years had built an additional room on the top floor. The reeded decoration of the bookshelves and south window is typical of the early nineteenth century, and may perhaps be attributed to the Doctor. He lived on in the house until his death in March 1852.

Above all, the room enjoyed a splendid northwards view of Keate's own school. I like to think of Dr Keate using the study as a watch-tower from which to survey his empire. His works on No. 4, costing around £1,500 according to an entry in the Income Book, were amongst the last to be recorded in that volume; once again, the register provides unusual insight into the building works instituted by the Canons of St George's Chapel, Windsor, during a period of nearly two hundred years.

Notes:

- 1 T. Tatton-Brown, 'The Canons' houses and Cloister at Windsor', in *Report of the Society of the Friends of St George's*, 2001-02, Vol. VIII, No. 3, pp. 121-25. A fine reconstruction of the cloister tracery by Edward Blore was published as the frontispiece to Vol. 3 of *Archaeological Journal* (1846).
- 2 T. Tatton-Brown, 'Destruction at St George's Chapel in the 1640's', in *Report of the Society of the Friends of St George's*, 1995-96, Vol. VII, No. 7, pp. 295-98.
- 3 Chapter Act dated 12 June 1607, printed in S. Bond (ed.), *The Chapter Acts of the Dean and Canons of Windsor*, 1430, 1523-1672, (1966), p. 66. The minute was rather inaccurately transcribed into the front paste-down of vol. I of the Income Book.
- 4 J. Crook (ed.), *The Wainscot Book of Winchester Cathedral*, Hampshire Record Series (1984).
- 5 Furthermore, Bland's choice of Snape's house was recorded in a Chapter Act of 17 March 1725.
- 6 Patrick Mitchell, 'The "Tables" of the Knights of the Garter', in *Windsor: Medieval Archaeology, Art and Architecture of the Thames Valley*, British Archaeol. Assoc. Conference Transactions, xvv (2002), pp. 214-18; and Tim Tatton-Brown, 'The Deanery, Windsor Castle', in *Antiquaries Journal* Vol. 78 (1998), pp. 345-90, at pp. 357-62 for their location.
- 7 Windsor Chapter Archives, ref. AE.5. Cf. the proposal drawings (undated, c.1841) for demolition of part of No. 10, WCA ref. M.175.



Windsor Festival 2007

Sunday 16 September – Sunday 30 September

Concerts will be held in St George's Chapel on
Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19 and Saturday 29 September,
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The Festival will be marking the Diamond Wedding Anniversary
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Restoration of:

West and East windows, including Angel frieze; Hastings, Rutland, Bray and Beaufort Chapels; Quire vault; Galilee porch; Schorn Tower; West steps; four pinnacles; Paving of Nave, Crossing, and North Quire Aisle; Dean's and Horseshoe Cloisters; Deanery Chapel; Chapter Library; Organ; Curfew Tower clock and bell; Schorn Tower sundial; tapestries; mediaeval paintings, including Catherine Room; Altar cross and candlesticks; silver verge; Communion jug; manuscripts; refurbishment of Tower Record Room.

Purchase of:

Copes; other vestments; Altar frontals; sacramental silver; Christmas Crib figures; embroidered panels for Rutland Chapel; Furnishings for Nave, side chapels & Organ loft; new service books; a Book of Hours; Paschal candlestick; new piano for Chapter Library.

Installation of:

Pipeless heating and new boilers; new wiring and fire alarm system; new lighting systems in Nave and Quire; sound reproduction systems; heating, air-conditioning, and bookcase glazing in Chapter Library.

Since 1996 the following have been funded, wholly or partly:

Restoration of pinnacles and grotesques
New lighting in Quire Aisles
New Organ blower
Gilding of the *fèche*
Restoration of the Festal Altar frontal
New white Altar frontal
Cleaning of the Crossing
Chairs for the Nave
Finials
Dean's Cloister Garth fountain
Contribution to Archive Centre
Organ Loft television
Vicars' Hall piano stool
Quire benches
Restoration of North Door & S. Quire bays
Painting Deanery Garter shields
Chapel fire protection system
Restoration of the Organ
Chapel computer-design system
Internet website
Survey & report on West front
Rewiring of the Quire
Rewiring of the Horseshoe Cloister
Cleaning the Sanctuary carpet
Repairing the Aerary West wall
Radio telephones
Re-leading roof of Dean's Cloister
Repair of Altar candlesticks
Stablising the Catherine Room paintings
Restoration of the Bray Chantry
College database
New stops for the Organ
Mobile staging for the Nave
External sound-system for Garter Day
Furniture for the Vestry
Storage for the Beryl Dean tapestries
Furniture for the Song-school

Gifts and Bequests

(£100 AND OVER) TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

The Society records with gratitude the receipt of the following gifts and bequests:

£5,000	Bequest: Miss B.B. Smith
£1,000	Bequest: Miss M. Purser
£745	Gift: Mr & Mrs P. Bunnag (<i>Thailand</i>)
£500	Bequest: Mrs D.M. Quinn
£500	Bequest: Mr H.W.S. Shunn
£350	Gift: Mrs J. Peresbarn, in memory of Mr T. Taylor & Mr T. Latimer
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£300	Gift: His Honour Judge & Dr Lucy Rutherford
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£100	Gift: Mrs J.O. Belcher
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£100	Gift: Lady Hallifax
£100	Gift: Mr N. Pond
£100	Gift: Mr & Mrs J. Rowe
£100	Gift: St Andrew's Church, Ipplepen, Devon
£100	Gift: Mrs A. Thornhill
£100	Gift: Mr & Mrs A. Titchener

Australia

A\$7,500	Gift: The Australian Members in their 55th year of membership, on the occasion of the Society's 75th Anniversary
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USA

US\$1,000	Gift: Mrs M.S. Heaney
US\$220	Gift: Mr H. Rogers (<i>Canada</i>)
US\$100	Gift: Mr B.S. Brown

Fund-raising

£664.72	Eton Action Fair: Jane Speller and friends
£470.00	Mrs B. Garvey, from giving talks (cumulative)
£95.00	Anonymous, from giving talks (cumulative)
£48.00	Mrs P. Lindsey, from giving talks (cumulative)

Of the once fine collection of pre-Reformation brasses in St George's Chapel, only a few relatively small or mutilated examples survive; and these are easily overlooked. In Bishop King's chapel are the fragmentary remains, unearthed by the Deanery in 1813, of the originally magnificent brass of the second Warden, William Mugge (d. 1381). On the wall of the Rutland chapel are two smaller and later brasses – one, the exquisite, delicately-etched quadrangular plate of the Duchess of Exeter and her second husband, Sir Thomas St Leger (engraved c.1495); and the other, the attractive memorial of similar shape to Canon Honeywood (d. 1522) kneeling to the Virgin and Child.¹ Perhaps as many as half, or more, of the Chapel's brasses fell victim to the iconoclastic assaults of the Parliamentary forces and their agents in 1642 and 1643. The majority of those which remained were lifted and cast aside when the Nave was repaved at the end of the eighteenth century. Compensation for these many losses, however, is found in the relatively large number of extant indents. Some of these are laid in the walkways of the Dean's Cloister; the finer and better-preserved of them, however, are in the floor of the Rutland chapel. The recent refurnishing of the Rutland chapel provides a convenient opportunity to consider this series of slabs as a group.

The indents in the Rutland chapel survive for the most part in remarkably good condition – in marked contrast to those in the Dean's Cloister, which are now badly weathered. A couple of the stones have been truncated, with only the upper half or the lower half surviving. In the majority of cases, however, the outline of the lost brass inlays is clean and crisp, allowing the original appearance of the memorial to be reconstructed.

The greater number of the despoiled slabs commemorated clergy who served St George's Chapel. An indent near the south-east corner (*see fig. 1*) shows the outline of a figure of a priest in processional vestments with a foot inscription (figure 48 cm; inscription 58 x 11 cm). A similar indent on the west side shows a priest in processional vestments with foot inscription and scroll issuing from his mouth (figure 72 cm; inscription 50 x 9 cm). A truncated and worn indent in the doorway itself shows the greater part of the figure of a priest in processional vestments (remaining part of figure 50 cm). A truncated slab on the north-east side bears the lower part of the indent of a priest in processionals, again with foot inscription. A worn slab on the south side may have borne the effigy of a priest. All of these indents are probably of late fifteenth-century date. The indent with the scroll may be slightly later, c.1500. Altogether larger and more ambitious is a fourth indent on the west side, just inside the door (*see fig. 2*). This bears the outline of a priest in processional vestments under a tall canopy with an inscription at the base, and two shields at the top and another two at the base (figure 110 cm; slab 257 x 106 cm). A notable feature of the slab is the circular



figure 1: Indent of the brass of a late fifteenth-century priest.



figure 2: Indent of the canopied brass of a priest, probably a Dean, c.1420.

outline of the shield in the top right corner, suggesting that this was surrounded by the Garter. To judge from the canopy design, the brass was probably of early or mid-fifteenth-century date. Unfortunately, there is no evidence to indicate whom any of these memorials commemorated. The smaller ones probably commemorated canons of the Chapel. The larger canopied brass may have commemorated a dean. Given the likely date of the latter memorial, it may be that it commemorated Richard Kingston, Dean from 1402 to 1418, who requested burial in the Chapel; another possible candidate is John Arundel, his successor, and compiler of the *White Book*, who died in 1454.²

By the end of the fifteenth century it was customary for canons of Windsor to be shown on their memorials in the distinctive Garter mantle with the badge on the shoulder. It is not clear whether the priests in the Rutland chapel indents were shown so attired because the mantle presents almost exactly the same outline in the stone as the cope; and many priests on brasses were shown wearing copes. In the early fifteenth century canons buried away from St George's – John Mersdon at Thurcaston, Leicestershire, for example – had generally not been shown in the distinctive mantle of the Garter. By the later years of the century, however, to judge from the drawings made by Nicholas Charles, c.1610, depiction in the mantle, with its badge on the shoulder, was fairly common for canons buried in the Chapel. The reason for the change in commemorative style is probably to be found in the growth in the self-consciousness of the Dean and Canons following Edward IV's re-establishment of the College in the 1470s. From this time, the Garter robe quickly acquired the cachet of a mark of status for the wearer. Although most of the Rutland chapel brasses date from the later fifteenth century, it would be unwise to assume that they showed their subjects in the Garter mantle. If any of the five did, however, it is likely to have been the big canopied brass by the door. As we have noted, this bore Garter imagery in the shape of the Garter round the top right shield. Even in this case, however, the evidence of the figure is inconclusive. The outline of the neck suggests rather the wearing of an almuce, and over it a cope, rather than the Garter mantle. Among early memorials of canons, the brass of Roger Parker at North Stoke, Oxfordshire, c.1355, remains unique in showing the subject in the distinctive attire of his office.³ Not until the early sixteenth century did depiction of the Garter mantle on the canons' memorials become at all common.

One of the most interesting slabs in the chapel, on the north-east side, once held the figure of a late fifteenth-century layman. The surviving indent (*see fig. 3*) shows the clear outline of



figure 3: Indent of the brass of a man in armour, c.1470-80.



figure 4: Early seventeenth-century indent, probably to be identified with the brass of Canon Erasmus Webb (d. 1614).

a man in armour with an inscription at his feet and a shield at each of the remaining corners (figure 47 cm; inscription 44 x 5.5 cm). The figure is shown tilted in semi-profile. A *salade* (a type of helmet) is worn on the head, while the sword is just visible protruding at an angle behind the legs. The slab dates from a period when the brass-engraving trade was in a state of fluidity, and it is hard to identify it by workshop origin. It could be a late product of the declining London style 'D'; however, it shows some affinities with the early work of the emergent London style 'F'.⁴ The date is likely to be c.1480-90. Again, there is no evidence to indicate the identity of the commemorated. Given the small size of the brass, it is unlikely to have been anyone of any great consequence. A gentleman employed in the King's household, or one of the Poor Knights of Windsor, are both possibilities.

The other slabs in the Rutland chapel floor are mostly of sixteenth- or seventeenth-century date. To the east of the door is the indent of an ecclesiastic with a square achievement over his head (*see fig. 4*), probably to be identified with the lost brass of Canon Erasmus Webb (d. 1614), once in the north Quire aisle. A second slab, to the north of the Roos monument, bears the clear indent of a shield and a large inscription plate. Post-Reformation inscriptions to the memory of clergy are almost always much lengthier than those to their mediaeval predecessors. Two extant late sixteenth-century inscriptions were placed in the

chapel in 1885 after being found in a London curiosity shop and identified as belonging to St George's. These commemorate Canon John Thomson (d. 1571), chaplain to Queen Elizabeth, and Canon Anthony Russhe (d. 1577). Thomson's brass originally lay at the east end of the Nave, and Russhe's in the south Quire aisle. The former is now placed in a slab which once held an effigial brass.⁵ Both are today near the aisle screen.

On the west side of the chapel, near the door, is a slab, the lower half of which is lost, with the indents of a post-Reformation ecclesiastic in preaching gown, with a square achievement over his head and shields at the corners. Jerome Bertram has identified the missing brass figure as one of early seventeenth-century date now in the collection of the Cambridge Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology; the figure fits the indent exactly.⁶ Randomly relaid a few metres away is a single shield which also belongs to this brass. From the blazon on the shield it can be established that the memorial commemorated Prebendary William Wilson, who died in 1615. A square heraldic achievement now laid alongside it is all that remains of the brass of William's father, also called William, who died in 1587. Both brasses originally lay in the north aisle of the Nave. Set in the same stone as the shields are two small late sixteenth-century brasses of a civilian and wife of unknown identity. After the repaving of the Nave these brasses, with the two shields, passed into the possession of J.G. Nichols and on his death were sent by his executors in error to Hereford Cathedral. In July 1947 they were returned to St George's by the Dean of Hereford in person.⁷

The brasses and indents in the Rutland chapel represent an artificial accumulation of memorials brought from elsewhere in the Chapel or recovered after dispersal. The post-Reformation story of the collection of brasses and ledger stones in the Chapel has hardly been a happy one. When the greater part of the building was repaved between 1788 and 1790, the ledger stones and slabs were all lifted and moved aside. The ledger stones, for the most part, were tidily re-located under the arches of the Nave arcades. The brass-bearing slabs, however, were distributed between the floors of the Dean's Cloister and the Rutland chapel. The work of relaying them in the Rutland chapel was undertaken in March and April 1790. The bill which John Merryman, the foreman, submitted records: 'To masons 21 days and a half and Labourers 26 days to underpin the Tombs and take up and relay Old Gravestones and bring in Others to lay and make good paving into Ditto (Rutland) Chapel £5 4s 3d.'⁸ The slabs removed to the Dean's Cloister are today so badly weathered as to be almost indecipherable. The slabs in the Rutland chapel, while lifted from their original settings, are at least in excellent preservation. Through careful reconstruction of the memorials which they once held, we can catch a glimpse of the commemorative style of St George's in its heyday.

Notes:

- 1 The extant brasses are illustrated in W. Lack, H.M. Stuchfield, P. Whittemore, *The Monumental Brasses of Berkshire* (1993), pp. 163-67.
- 2 For the deans of this period, see S.L. Ollard, *Fasti Wyndesorienses: the Deans and Canons of Windsor* (1950), pp. 26-31.
- 3 Illustrated in N.E. Saul (ed.), *St George's Chapel, Windsor, in the Fourteenth Century* (2005), p. 110.
- 4 For the late fifteenth-century workshops, see M. Norris, *Monumental Brasses: The Memorials* (1977), Vol. I, ch. 11.
- 5 The brasses were identified and returned by Stephen Tucker, Somerset Herald: Dean's Memoranda, St George's Chapel, 1883-1893, I (unaccessioned), fo. 69 (shelf 44A). For discussion of the brass, see S. Bond (ed.), *The Monuments of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle* (1958), pp. 183, 207-08.
- 6 J. Bertram, 'Serendipity', in *Monumental Brass Society Bulletin*, 92 (January 2003), pp. 654-55.
- 7 R.T. Pelly, 'Some Less-known Memorials in St George's Chapel', in *Report of the Society of the Friends of St George's*, to 31st December 1947, pp. 11-14.
- 8 S. Bond, *op. cit.*, p. xxv.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

The 75th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Saturday, 6 May 2005 at 2.00 pm in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. The Dean of Windsor was in the Chair and opened the Meeting with a prayer.

An AGM booklet entitled 'Annual General Meeting in St George's Chapel on Saturday 6 May 2006 at 2.00 pm' had previously been sent to all paid-up members. It contained:

Covering letter from the Chairman, Lay Chairman and Honorary Secretary, dated 20 March 2006	p.1
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Memorandum of Association of The Foundation of the College of St George, Windsor Castle	pp.4-7
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Questions & Answers	pp.14-15

**The Resolution (Item 10 on the Agenda) is reproduced below:*

Resolution of the Members of the Society

IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. *The Society should incorporate as a charitable company limited by guarantee ("the Foundation") in line with the proposals set out in the Report contained on pages 265 to 268 of the Annual Report 2004/05 ("the Incorporation");*
2. *The form of Memorandum and Articles establishing the Foundation appended to this Resolution ("the Memorandum and Articles") be and are hereby approved subject to such minor changes as are approved by the Dean and Canons of Windsor;*
3. *The Dean of Windsor and any other member of the Management Committee be and are hereby authorised to execute on behalf of the Society such documents as are necessary to effect the Incorporation; and*
4. *John Newbegin be nominated to hold office as a Trustee pursuant to Article 3.2,(b)(iii) of the Memorandum and Articles and shall be deemed to have been appointed under the Articles.*

Apologies

Apologies had been received from two members of the Management Committee, Mr David Manners and the Honorary Editor, and thirty-two members, including Viscount Ridley, Lady Johns, the Mayor, the Very Revd John Treadgold, Canon Gunner, Canon Ovenden, Mrs Valerie Grogan, Mr Warren Hull, Mr Brian Kirkwood and Mr Phillip O'Shea.

The Minutes of the 74th Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 74th Annual General Meeting, held on 7 May 2005, had been previously distributed to members on pp. 307-313 of the *Annual Report 2004/05*. They were duly approved and signed by the Dean as a true record.

Matters Arising

In relation to Gift Aid on p. 313, the Dean reported that Gift Aid envelopes had been introduced into the Chapel on 1 April 2006. The College Gift Aid Scheme was now up and running, with Mr Alan Titchener and Mr Andrew Goodhart as joint Gift Aid Secretaries

Annual Report and Accounts

The Dean thanked Miss Bridget Wright, the Honorary Editor, for producing a most colourful and readable report. On her behalf, he thanked Ian Brennan and his wife Suzanne, Tim Tatton-Brown, Canon White and Hugo Vickers for their most interesting and informative contributions. Turning to the audited accounts published in summary form on pp. 314-315, the Dean put the motion that they be accepted, with grateful thanks to Mr Andrew Goodhart, the Honorary Treasurer. This was proposed and passed *nem.con*

Election of Members to the Management Committee

Under the three-year rule, Mr Art Ramirez, Mr Andrew Try and Mr Alan Titchener were due to retire (Mr Titchener having taken the place of Mr Ralph Grenville for the remainder of his three-year term when Mr Grenville had resigned on moving to Somerses). The Dean thanked them warmly for their significant contribution during their term of office and invited the Meeting to show its appreciation with a round of applause. The Management Committee had nominated Mr Stephen Day, Mr Fraser Jansen and Mr Alan Titchener (now returning) to serve for three years from 2006 until 2009 and confirmed that all three were members of the Society. Furthermore, the Dean reported that Mr Martin Denny, already an elected member of the Management Committee, had replaced Mr Richard Russell as the Representative of the St George's School Association. These proposals were passed *nem. con*.

Appointment of Honorary Officers

The Dean then proposed the re-election of the following officers:

Honorary Secretary	Mr Nigel Hill
Honorary Treasurer	Mr Andrew Goodhart
Honorary Solicitor	Mr John Newbegin

All three officers were then elected *nem. con.*

The Meeting approved the re-appointment of Mrs Jennifer Carr as Independent Examiner.

The Honorary Secretary's Report

Nigel Hill began by thanking members for filling the Chapel on the Society's 75th Anniversary, when there was such an important Resolution to be considered for its future organisation. He referred to another anniversary, the 80th birthday of The Queen, Patron of the Society, for whom the Society had co-commissioned an anthem *The Golden Rule*, composed by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, Master of The Queen's Music, to words by Andrew Motion, the Poet Laureate. It had first been sung on St George's Day in St George's Chapel at a most moving and reflective Service of Thanksgiving attended by The Queen. Later that day, the service had been seen on television by over two million people. 'It was one of those Royal occasions for which the Chapel was surely designed.'

The Honorary Secretary then quoted from a report of the AGM in *The Times* sixty years earlier. '...the Chapter had been hit very hard by the war. The income from the State Apartments fund was only about £180 ... Repairs were badly needed, but could not be carried out for lack of materials and labour.' 'Only the dates and the figures change,' he said. 'The challenges remain the same!'

Descendant Members

He referred to the Descendant Members of the Society, whose descent from a Garter Knight provided an additional incentive to be associated with St George's Chapel, the shrine of the Most Honourable and Noble Order of the Garter. He thanked Mr Antony Farnath for filling the long vacancy of the Descendants' Representative on the Management Committee at last year's AGM. It was owing to his industry and diligence that so many Descendant members were present. He was enormously grateful for Antony's enthusiasm, industry and interest in genealogical and heraldic matters, which promised to identify and encourage a rich seam of potential new members.

Descendant membership was of particular interest to overseas members who valued their family's association with the big players in English history and,

in the case of Australia, with their own three Garter Knights. In the course of a private visit to Australia, he had had the pleasure of meeting the Australian membership at receptions in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, including Sir Ninian Stephen, KG, and Lady Stephen, and the Hon. Justice Nicholas Hasluck, AM, the son of Sir Paul Hasluck, KG. He placed on record his appreciation of the kindness and hospitality he had received, particularly from Mrs Valerie Grogan, the Australian Representative, whom he described as indomitable, indefatigable, inexhaustible, irrepressible and irresistible. Mrs Grogan had given her apologies to the AGM, but was glad to be represented by Admiral Swan from Killara, New South Wales.

Overseas Members

The Honorary Secretary reflected on the staunchness of all the Overseas Representatives who gave so freely of their time and energy. It spoke volumes for what St George's meant to them and their members. St George's seemed to strike a special chord in the hearts and minds of overseas members. How else could he explain a recent donation of \$1,000 from an American member in memory of her cousin? He had been in the US Air Force when his aircraft was reported missing in 1951. Almost fifty years later, it had been discovered on a remote mountainside, and only now had his body been identified. She had written, *'He would have been one to go to Britain's defence. All my roots are in Britain.'*

Thanks

The Honorary Secretary then expressed his thanks to the Officers of the Society for their support and encouragement over the last year. The lead up to the Resolution had generated extra work for the Honorary Editor, the Honorary Treasurer in relation to Gift Aid, and especially the Honorary Solicitor in offering invaluable legal advice. He was also very grateful to Colonel David Axson, who had covered for him whilst he was in Australia, and had taken charge of the vetting procedures for admittance to the AGM. Lastly, he thanked Miss Jane Speller in her modified role of Membership Secretary for her speed and diligence in maintaining the accuracy of the database and processing new applications and subscriptions.

He went on to give an account of future events and some 'housekeeping' arrangements for the rest of the day, before thanking the Governor for making the Moat Garden available for the 75th Anniversary AGM Garden Party where members and their guests would be entertained by the Brass Quintet of the Band of the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

Finally, the Honorary Secretary expressed his deep gratitude to the Dean for his guidance of the Management Committee, which had brought purpose, harmony and unanimity to its deliberations.

The Dean's Address

The Dean opened his address with a personal welcome 'made all the warmer this year as we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Friends and are reminded of all the blessings that your friendship has brought to us through all those years.' He referred to the huge burden of responsibility placed on the College of St George in maintaining the Chapel and its surrounding buildings. 'By your being Friends, you have shared that responsibility with us, and have lightened the load through your interest and encouragement, as much as by your financial support.'

But the Chapel, he said, was not an end in itself but a means of celebrating the Christian Gospel, and thereby worshipping Almighty God in a place that was at the heart, symbolically, of our national life. It aimed to remind all who pass by, and all who pass through, that real life was rooted in the spiritual, however much it was expressed in the material 'and presents us all, from day to day, with a serious challenge ... about the way we live our lives'.

Duty and Service

The Dean went on to mention other anniversaries in 2006 – the 40th Anniversary of St George's House, the 40th Anniversary of the Lay Stewards and, of course, the 80th birthday of Her Majesty The Queen celebrated in a Service of Thanksgiving in the Chapel. 'Here, in The Queen, was the Nation's first and foremost representative, coming before God in a spirit of thanksgiving for the past, and asking as ever for guidance for the future.' He said the Service symbolised precisely what St George's had a duty to encourage and whose work the Friends supported.

The Dean expanded on this theme, saying that the Companions of the Order of the Garter represented all those people who sought, through lives of service, the well-being of the nation. He went on to describe the annual Garter Service as more than pomp and pageantry, splendid though that was. 'It is this Nation's life that we celebrate and pray for as the Companions re-dedicate themselves to serving and maintaining the health of our society.'

Taking Stock

The Dean then departed from his usual practice of reporting changes in staff during the previous year in order to take stock. Anniversaries, he said were not only for looking back with pride and thanksgiving but also for looking forward. 'How can the spirit and intention of the past best be preserved in the coming years and what structures will best provide the conduit for that spirit and intention?'

The Dean then introduced the outcome of three years of debate and the unanimous decision of the Management Committee, namely the wish to establish 'The Foundation of the College of St George' in order to co-ordinate

and administer the fund-raising activities of the College. Before handing over to Sir Michael Hobbs, he concluded his address by saying how thrilled he was that, in this significant and special year for the Friends, 'we have the opportunity to breathe new life into this very precious body, to enhance the contribution that the Friends can make to the College of St George and, with confidence, to launch into an exciting future.' A good way, the Dean said, to celebrate an anniversary!

The Foundation of the College of St George

Major General Sir Michael Hobbs said: 'Last year Georgie Grant Haworth and I gave a short talk at the AGM about the size of the challenge facing us to provide the annual income required by the College to ensure its survival. In round terms, we were planning to increase regular support, mainly of the Chapel, by about £500,000 per annum. We embarked on a plan to expand our sources of regular giving, so that anyone who wished to help could do so at a level appropriate to them.

'In particular, there is a very big gap between the sums given by our benefactors who have supported the College Refurbishment Appeal, and those who support us through the medium of the Friends. Two weeks ago we launched the Companions, a small group of businesses and individuals, who will between them, when fully recruited, contribute more than £400,000 a year to our income.

'It was to embrace all the various methods of regular support that we proposed the incorporation of the Friends into a wider body to be called the Foundation of the College of St George. It was our intention that the Friends would not lose their identity or their very special place in the life of the Chapel. To achieve this we have been allowed to use The Queen's Solicitors – Messrs Farrer.

'The Foundation would be governed by twelve Trustees with the Dean as chairman. Basically we divide the Trustees into three equal groups: four elected from the Knights of the Garter; four nominated by the Dean and Canons, St George's House, St George's School and the Friends; and four independent Trustees (at least one of whom will be a member of the Royal Household).

'I hope you will see that the new Foundation will be well governed and that we will have at the centre of our affairs a great new force to take forward our efforts to create a strong and viable College. The Trustees of the Foundation will have as their prime function the raising of money for the College and the overall direction of its use.

'I hope that we have made our intentions and hopes clear but I know that the Dean and the Lay Chairman will stand ready to answer your questions.

To consider and, if though fit, to pass the Resolution (reproduced on p. 380)
In introducing this item, the Dean thanked Sir Michael Hobbs who had been at the very centre of the operation to establish the Foundation. He said that those who had worked closely with Sir Michael would know that they were included.

At this point, the Dean also announced that a number of people had agreed, should the vote be favourable, to be Trustees: including Mr Newbegin, the Honorary Solicitor, as the Friends' representative; the Duke of Abercorn, Lord Butler of Brockwell and Lord Bingham of Cornhill from among the Garter Knights; and Baroness Wilcox, Mrs Galen Weston, Sir Richard Johns and Mr Alan Reid (Keeper of the Privy Purse) as Independent Trustees. The Dean said that they constituted a wise and experienced group of people. The fact that they were prepared to give their time to the Foundation was deeply encouraging and a great vote of confidence.

The Dean then invited questions and discussion on the Resolution. The answers given by the Dean, Sir Richard Johns, Mrs Judith Hill (Messrs Farrers, Solicitors), the Chapter Clerk and Mr Newbegin are summarised below. (These supplemented the Questions and Answers in the *AGM Booklet*.)

Annual Meeting/Annual Report These would continue.

Assets The Friends' assets were currently invested in the Charities Official Investment fund (COIF) which specifically manages the funds of charities and churches. When transferred to the Foundation, the assets would be in a restricted fund which could be applied only under the terms of the Friends' **current** Constitution.

Donations would be paid to the Foundation but could be earmarked for specific purposes within the provisions of its Trust deed.

Garter tickets The Friends' allocation of Garter tickets would not be reduced. Tickets for Companions would be sourced from elsewhere.

The Management Committee would be replaced by a new advisory committee of the Foundation. The Friends' Representative Trustee (Mr Newbegin) would present their case to the Board of Trustees.

Money versus spirituality The College was not pre-occupied with raising money, although increased income was essential for the College to continue as a religious institution. At its heart, the College was a religious community with a true Christian mission.

Postal ballot It was unfortunate that the Constitution made no provision for a postal ballot for overseas members. However, several letters of encouragement

from overseas had been received and all four Overseas Representatives had supported the Resolution.

Proxy voting Similarly, the Constitution made no provision for proxy voting. There was therefore no alternative but to conduct a ballot at the AGM.

St George's House and St George's School were both in reasonably good financial health.

Stewardship The Chapter was seriously looking at introducing a system of stewardship (planned giving) for the College.

Subscriptions after incorporation would be paid to the Foundation and applied by the Trustees in accordance with its Trust deed.

Subscription rates would not be increased in the short term but might change in the longer term.

The Dean then invited a show of hands which indicated that the great majority of members approved the Resolution. He then called the ballot on the Resolution, appointing Major Bobby Gainher, Military Knight of Windsor, as Independent Observer. The result was afterwards published as an appendix to a letter to members from the co-Chairmen:

For the Resolution	249
Against	19
Abstentions	1

The Resolution was therefore passed with a majority of 230.

There being no other business, the Dean concluded the Meeting and invited members to leave the Chapel by the North-east Door, casting their votes in the ballot boxes as they did so.

Summary Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

FOR THE YEAR TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2006 £	Total 2005 £
Incoming Resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Donations and bequests	38,649	—	38,649	22,600
Investment income	5,900	14,295	20,195	23,049
Other income	7,246	—	7,246	—
Turnover of trading subsidiary	—	—	—	10,636
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Subscriptions	30,692	12,253	42,945	41,675
Total Incoming Resources	82,487	26,548	109,035	97,960
Resources Expended				
Charitable activities				
Costs of generating funds	40,769	—	40,769	25,770
Loss on closure of subsidiary	4,311	—	4,311	—
Cost of sales of trading subsidiary	—	—	—	10,201
Governance costs	12,990	—	12,990	12,727
Total Resources Expended	113,068	—	113,068	228,986
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers	(30,581)	26,548	(4,033)	(131,026)
Transfers between funds	14,295	(14,295)	—	—
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(16,286)	12,253	(4,033)	(131,026)
Gains on investments in the year				
Unrealised	—	36,269	36,269	54,611
Net movement in Funds	(16,286)	48,522	32,236	(76,415)
Fund balances at 1 October 2005	46,354	482,912	529,266	605,681
Fund balances at 30 September 2006	30,068	531,434	561,502	529,266

All amounts above are derived from continuing activities

Summary Balance Sheets

AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

	Group		Charity	
	2006 £	2005 £	2006 £	2005 £
Fixed Assets				
Investments	434,518	398,249	434,518	398,252
Current Assets				
Stocks	1,000	5,084	1,000	1,214
Debtors	2,382	7,842	2,382	11,246
Short-term deposits	133,993	114,850	133,993	114,850
Cash at bank and in hand	1,709	7,061	1,709	5,373
	139,084	134,837	139,084	132,683
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12,100	3,820	12,100	2,517
Net Current Assets	126,984	131,017	126,984	130,166
Net Assets	561,502	529,266	561,502	528,418
Funds				
Restricted Funds	531,434	482,912	531,434	482,912
Unrestricted Funds	30,068	46,354	30,068	45,506
Total Funds	561,502	529,266	561,502	528,418

These summary consolidated financial statements are a summary of information extracted from the full consolidated financial statements and trustees' report. For further information, the full consolidated financial statements, which have been examined by an independent examiner, and the trustees' report should be consulted.

Copies of these can be obtained from: The Honorary Treasurer,
The Friends' Office, 6 The Cloisters, Windsor Castle, Berkshire SL4 1NJ.

The full consolidated accounts and trustees' report were approved by the trustees on 30 November 2006.

Approved by the Management Committee on
30 November 2006 and signed on its behalf by:

N.J. Hill *Trustee*

A.N.D. Goodhart *Trustee*

Independent Examiner's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

We have examined the summarised consolidated financial statements of The Society of the Friends of St George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter for the year ended 30 September 2006.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

You are responsible as trustees for the preparation of the summary consolidated financial statements. We have agreed to report to you our opinion on the summarised consolidated statements' consistency with the full consolidated financial statements and trustees' report.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

We have carried out the procedure we consider necessary to ascertain whether the summarised consolidated financial statements are consistent with the full consolidated financial statements from which they have been prepared.

Opinion

In our opinion the summarised consolidated financial statements are consistent with the full consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2006.

Date: 7 December 2006

Jennifer R. Carr, FCA, Tenon Limited

Amberley Place, 107-111 Peascod Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1TE.

Bequests to the College of St George

A bequest to The Foundation of the College of St George represents an extremely valuable gift to St George's, free of Inheritance Tax, for Friends and Companions wishing to benefit St George's after they have died. The form that such a gift should take is set out below and Friends and Companions are recommended to ask their own solicitor to insert the bequest in their testamentary provisions.

Form of Bequest

'I BEQUEATH a legacy of £ _____ to The Foundation of the College of St George, Windsor Castle (*Registered Charity Number 1118295*), whose registered office is at 2 The Cloisters, Windsor Castle, Berkshire SL4 1NJ, for its general purposes and I DECLARE that the receipt of the Secretary for the time being of the said Foundation shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executor in respect of such legacy.'

List of New Members

1 OCTOBER 2005 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

British Friends

- Affleck, Mr F.W.
 † Ainscough, Ms D.
 Arthur, Miss K.E.
 † Banks, Mrs S.K.
 Barnes, Mr J.
 Barnes, Mrs R.E.
 Barrett-Morton, Lady
 Beadle, Mr L.R.
 Beadle, Mrs S.E.
 Bishop, Miss E.
 Brammer, Miss S.G.
 † Brooks, Mr R.L.
 † Brown, Mr M.C.
 Bull, Mrs M.D.
 Bunce, Mr G., BMus (Hons), MA, PGCE
 Burke, Miss J.
 Busfield, Dr G.
 Busfield, Mrs J.
 Childs, Mr J.S.
 Clark, Mr A.H.
 Cleary, Mrs N.A.
 Cleary, Mr R.C.
 Clements, Mr P.J.
 Coles, Mrs B.
 Coupe, Mr D.J.
 Cullen, Mrs D.
 David, Mrs G.A.
 David, Mr P.J.G.
 Davies, Miss L.M.
 Downey, Mrs J.
 Downey, Miss P.
 Drake, Mr F.J.
 Dudley, Mr R.L.
 Dudley, Mrs R.M.
 Easton, Mrs S.
 † Evason, Mrs R.
 Fairfax-Studd, Mrs B.
 Fenn, Mr J.W.
 Fergusson, Mr G.C.
 Fox, Mrs M.E.
 Foxall, Mr R.
 Geurtsen, Mr R.E.
 Gilbert, Mr P.D.
 Giulian, Mr T.A.E.
 Greco, Mr P.
 Gregory, Mr J.E.
 Griffiths, Mrs J.R.
 Gronow, Mrs V.M.
 † Hall, Mr M.
 Hardy, Dr G.
 Harvey, Mr A.D.G., FRSA
 Harvey, Miss C.R.E.
 Harvey, Mrs D.E.
 Hasler, Mrs A.M.F.
 Henderson, Miss F.M.
 Henderson, Mrs R.J.
 Herbert, Mrs C.A.
 Herbert, Mr N.J., LLB
 Heywood, Mr R.
 Hills, Mrs J.
 Hoare, Miss F.M.
 Humphreys, Mr S.R.
 Hurlstone, Mr D.G.A.
 Izzard, Mrs B.M.
 Johnson, Mr I.A.
 Jones, Mr D.E.
 Jones, Mr M.J.
 Jones, Mrs O.M.
 Kartun, Miss J.K.
 Kerr, Mr M.C.
 Latham, Mr C.
 Lawrey, Mrs H.J.
 Leathers, Mrs J.D.
 Lee, Dr N.C.
 Loperfido, Ms A.M.
 Lovewell Blake, Mr G.
 Lovewell Blake, Mrs M.
 † McClester, Mr C.J., FCEGV
 McLoughlin, Mrs M.

† Life Member

List of New Members

McMahon, Mrs A.B.
 Makwana, Mr C., LL.M.
 Manley, Mr A.R.W.
 Mills, Mrs J.
 Mothersole, Mrs M.M.
 Nadeau, Mr P.
 Newbegin, Mrs C.R.N.
 Nicklinson, Miss P.
 Nisabat, Mr F.
 Palmer, Mrs S.D., JP
 Penfold, Miss V.L.
 Perry, Mrs L., FCIPD, FRSA
 Purdie, Mr A.G.
 Ramos, Mrs O.
 Reineck, Air Commodore C.H., OBE
 Reineck, Mrs H.R.
 Rodale, Miss P.A., MVB, MRCVS
 Rooney, Mrs D.
 Rowland, Mr J.A.
 Scroggins, Mrs B.A.
 Scroggins, Mr D.J.
 Seddington, Mrs J.I.
 † Seddington, Em.Kt K.A.
 Simms, Dr A.B.
 † Simpson, Miss B.-A.
 Smith, Mr P., FCIOP
 Stainton, Mr L.J.N.
 Stainton, Mrs M.G., FInstLEx
 Steel, Mrs M.E.J.
 Steel, Mr M.W.
 Story, The Revd V.L., BSc
 ‡ Suddick, Mrs J.
 Suddick, Mr R.
 Sutherland, Mr J.A.
 Swallow, Mrs T.
 † Tan, Mr L.
 Thornton, Mr F.H.
 Thornton, Mrs I.K.
 Towler, Mr D.J.
 Towler, Mrs K.J.

van Gulik, Mr P.
 † Varley, Mr G.A.
 Walker, Mrs J.B.
 Wennington, Mr R.T.
 West, Mrs E.J.
 White, Mrs M.
 Wilder, Mrs J.V.
 Williams, Mr G.D., Lord of Solport
 Williams, Mrs J., Lady of Solport
 Williams, Mrs S.
 Young, Mr J.M.

British Descendants

† Bones, Mr S.A.H.
 Brown, Mr G.F.
 Downen, Mr K.A.
 † Gilbert, Miss C.J.B.
 † Gilbert, Miss J.M.P.
 Griffiths, Mr W.G.
 † Hunt, Master A.A.
 † Lucas, Mrs L.-J.
 † Slater, Mr S.T.
 † Wilson, Miss A.B.

Now Descendant

Gilbert, Mr R.J.M.

Australian Friends

† Barrington, Master T.C.H.
 † Chambers, Mrs L.
 † Jarre, Miss K.T.
 † Lobegeiger, Mrs H.K.
 † McMahon, Mrs A.D.
 Richardson, The Very Revd D.J.L., ChStJ

Australian Descendants

† Chambers, Mr J.S.
 † Roberts, Dr A., FFAHS

‡ Rejoined

† Life Member

Canadian Friends

- † Bernhardt, Mrs C.L.
- † Boddy, Mr J.
- † Crouch, Ms E.A., BScN, UE, ON
- † Doerr, The Revd R.
- † Wallace, The Revd C.F.

New Zealand Friends

- † Sweetzer, Mr R.D., MVO

American Friends

- † Brandt III, Mr J.V.
- † Heisler, Mr S.D.
- † Savage, Ms J.E.

American Descendants

- † Atkinson, Mrs D.D.T.
- † Brandt, Mrs A.S.D.
- † Casey, Mrs A.A.J.C.
- † Chaboudy, Mr C.H.
- † Hamby, Mr A.J.
- † Lewis, Mr W.M.
- † Metz, Mr C.H.
- † Treadway, Dr C.R.F., MD
- † Walker, Mrs C.K.

Now Life Descendant

- Jones, Mr J.H., OStJ

Austrian Friends

- † Diem, Dr E.

German Friends

- † Kahlert, Mr G.
- † Kredwig, Mr M.J.

Italian Friend

- † Virgili, Professor Antonio,
Duca di Castelvenerè

Thai Friends

- † Bunnag, Mrs D.
- † Bunnag, Mr P.

Deceased Members

During 2005/06, we have learned with regret that the following members have died:

United Kingdom

Ackland, Mrs A.V.
 Anderson, Mr K.G.R., ISM
 Barnes, Miss F.M., BA
 Battiscombe, Mrs C.F.
 Bell, The Revd J.A.C., MA, DipEd
 Blair Brown, The Revd D.
 Booth, Mrs C.
 Booth, Mr J.B., FRCS
 Boud, Mrs J.O.
 Bowyer, Mr J.M.
 Boyle, Mr G.A., BEM
 Boys, Mr G.
 Brocklehurst, Mrs J.M.C.
 Clark, Mrs E.J.
 Clark, Mrs M.B.
 Codner, Mrs M.J.L.
 Connolly, Mr P.A.
 Cook, Mrs E.C.
 Cove, Mr C.
 Cove, Mrs M.
 Davidson, Mrs C.S.
 Davies, Mr P.
 Dibbs, Mrs R.G.
 Donauer, Mrs M.M.E.
 Fall, Mr F.D.W.
 Fanning, Commander A.E.
 Fenton, Mr J.H.
 FitzGerald, Mrs R.P.
 Float, Mrs K.M.
 Fry, Mr D.J.
 Gurney, Mrs A.V.
 Gurney, Mr S.E.
 Hare, Mrs C.H.
 Harris, Miss O.D.
 Harwood, Mr H.
 Hoing, Mrs G.
 Holmes, Mr C.R., FRICS
 Hoppe, Mrs J.E.
 Howes, Mr J.W., MA
 Ireland, Mr N.C.
 Jacques, Mr R.J., OBE
 Jobling, Mr W.

Johnson, Mrs R.A.
 Johnston, Dr J.F.
 Jones, Mrs E.D.
 Kent, Lt Colonel B.
 Knollys, Lt Cdr C.H., DSC
 Landeryou, Mr S.
 Lappen, Mr F.A.
 Lappen, Mrs P.L.
 Linz, Mrs S.K.M.
 Lloyd, Mrs W.O.
 Lovejoy, Miss M.P.
 Male, Miss P.M.
 Meelboom, Mrs D.H.J.
 Meyenberg, Miss E.
 Mitchell, Mrs H.I.
 Moffatt, Mrs M.E.D.
 Morris, Mrs D.I.
 Muldoon, Captain M., WRAC
 Oates, Mrs M.M.R.
 Oughtred, Mrs L.A.
 Packe, Mrs K.O.M.
 Parker, Mr C.J.A., DL
 Parker, Mrs P.
 Pratt, Mr D.E.
 Prince, Mrs K.A., OBE
 Quick, Mr J.S.
 Quinn, Mrs D.M.
 Robinson, Miss N.
 Router, Mr E.H.R.
 Sethna, Mrs R.
 Shaw, Miss H.
 Shawcross, Miss K.M., BA, BLitt
 Staples, Mrs D.A.
 Strange, The Baroness
 Sweatman, Mrs J.A.
 Swift, Mr R.A.
 Taylor, Mrs E.L.
 Thompson, Mr J.C.J.
 Thompson, Major W.L.,
 MVO, MBE, DCM
 Trigg, Mrs G.V.
 Trigg, Mr H.
 Turvill, Mrs D.E.

Wallace, Mrs S.M.
Ward Hunt, Wing Commander P., DFC
Weir, Mrs I.M.
Whittingham, Lady
Whyte, Mr J.S.
Williams, Mrs C.
Williams, Mr M.
Woods, Mrs B.D.

Australia

Crossley, Miss J.
Cunningham, Mrs K.
Hains, Mrs D.
Hancock, Mrs M.McL., OBE
Murray, Mrs J.
Perkins, Mrs C.P.

New Zealand

Cooke, The Rt Hon. the Lord,
ONZ, KBE, PC

Switzerland

Mueller, Mrs J.

USA

Brittain, Miss C.K.
Linville, Mr C.E.
Strickland, Mrs S.

Notice of the Annual Meeting 2007

Following the incorporation of the Society, the 1st Annual Meeting of the Friends of St George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter, as associate members of the Foundation of the College of St George, will be held on Saturday, 5 May 2007 at 2.00 pm in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. The Agenda is set out on p. 397. Members wishing to raise matters under 'Any Other Business' should give a week's notice in writing to the Clerk to the Friends and Companions, Colonel David Axson, in the Friends' Office.

Arrangements

Guests: All Friends and Descendants are invited to bring their family and friends as guests, as a way of introducing them to St George's and encouraging them to join as well.

Car Parking: There is no car parking available within the Castle. However, there are several public car parks in Windsor within reach of the Castle.

Access: Friends wearing their badges (and their guests in possession of a Tea ticket) may enter the Castle precincts free of charge through the Visitor Centre by the Advance Gate, and then walk to the Chapel by Castle Hill, Moat Road and Lower Ward. Those for whom the walk would be difficult should write to the Friends' Office in advance to request alternative arrangements.

Talk and Presentation: Following the business of the Meeting, Mr John Maine, sculptor and member of St George's Chapel Fabric Advisory Committee, will talk about the on-going joint project of the School of Sculpture of the City & Guilds of London Art School and the Dean and Canons to replace some of the decayed grotesques on the sides of the Chapel.

The Cloister Shop has agreed to offer a 10% discount on the day to Friends wearing their badges.

The Vicars' Hall: The Dean and Canons have kindly given their permission for us to have tea in the Vicars' Hall after the Meeting.

Tea Tickets cost £7.50 and must be ordered in advance. Please complete the application form in the middle of this Report and return it with your payment and a stamped addressed envelope to the Friends' Office.

Friends' Choral Evensong will commence at 5.15 pm in the Nave. Friends are particularly encouraged to stay for this service, which will be led by the full choir.

An Organ Recital will be given by Roger Judd, Assistant Organist, at 6.30 pm. Tickets will be available at the South Door before the performance.

Overnight Accommodation: Because of an important Consultation, it is not possible to offer accommodation at St George's House this year.

Annual Meeting Agenda 2007

The Society of the Friends of St George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter was incorporated into the Foundation of the College of St George on 16th March 2007. As of that date, all members of the Society became members of the Foundation of the College of St George.

1. Opening Prayer
2. The Dean's Welcome and Introduction
3. To endorse the nomination of:
Mrs Sally Adams
Mr Stephen Day
Mr Fraser Jansen
Mr Alan Titchener, and
Mr Hugo Vickers
as elected members of the Consultative Committee
4. To receive the Reports of the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of the Society of the Friends of St George's for the year 2005-06
5. The Nominated Trustee's Report
6. Report of the Clerk to the Friends and Companions
7. Discussion of proposed changes in subscriptions to take effect from 1 September 2008
8. Chorister Scholarship Appeal – Chapter Clerk
9. The Dean's Address
10. Any Other Business

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